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If all's fair in love and war, then there's nothing that says the Rules of Engagement can't be broken! Perky, Rats and Bota receive clandestine orders that may cloud their judgment—just who exactly are they fighting? Deep within the war-torn borders of Vietnam, the Special Operations Group discovers the dark side of the conflict. The situation gets more intense as the conflict continues to spread beyond sanctioned borders. It's bears, bombs and the black-market—as the fog of war thickens, the good guys start looking bad and ugly! Where the mission takes Perky, Rats and Bota leads to the shocking conclusion of *Apocalypse Meow!*

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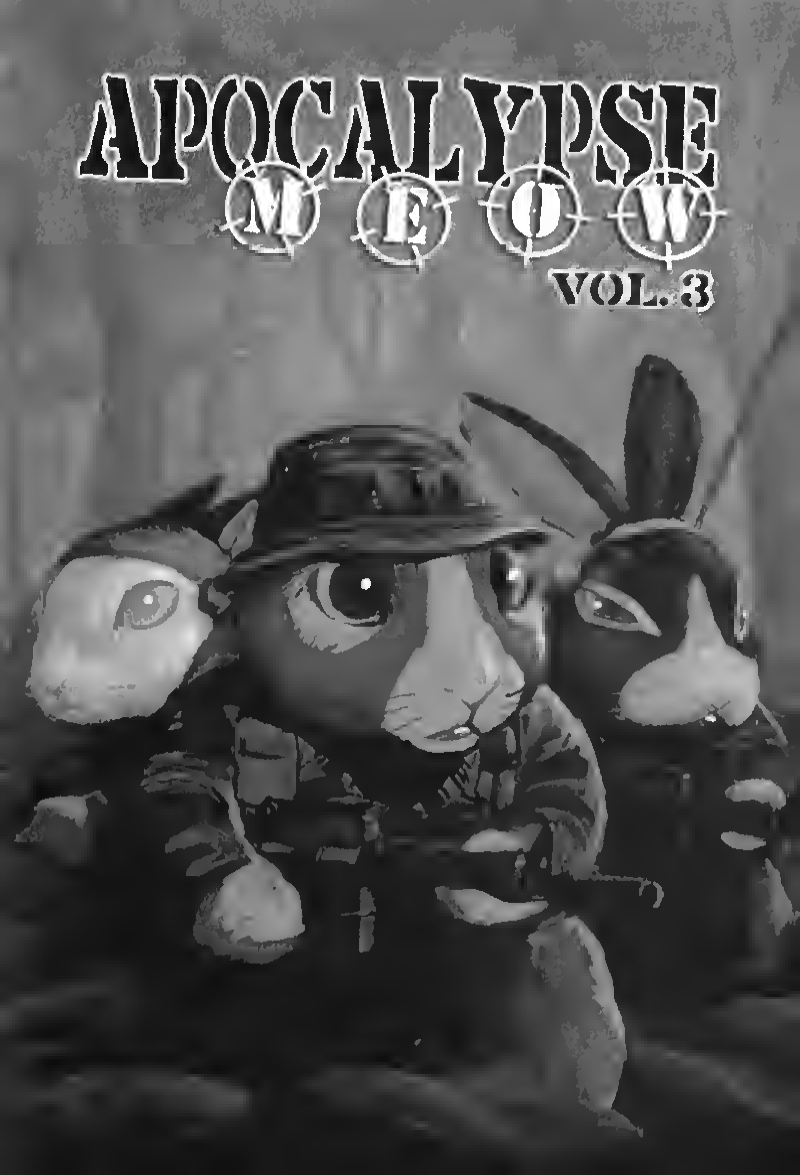

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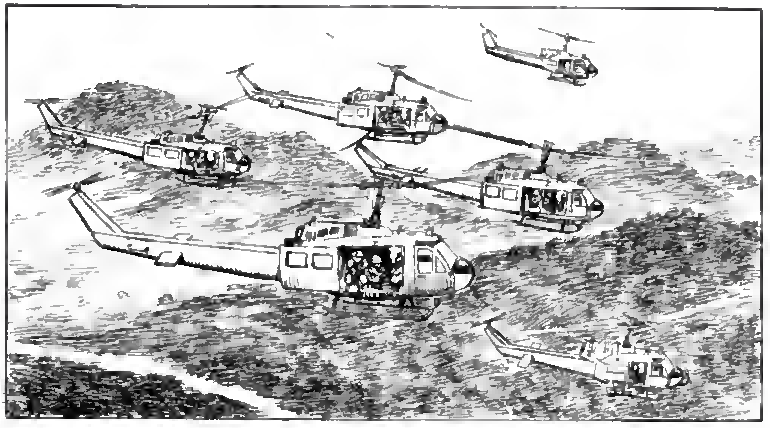
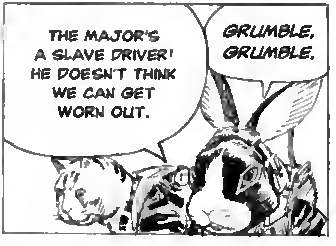
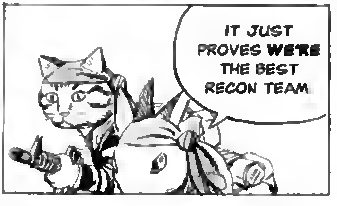
[1] *Catch-22* = Denotes a paradoxical problem of circular logic (e.g., "You can't get a job without experience, but you can't get experience without a job.") The term originated in Joseph Heller's book of the same name.

[2] *MP* = Military Police.

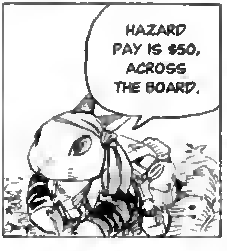
ARE YOU CAPTAIN PERKINS'S MEN?
AN MP...
MP
WHAT, A MISSION?
MAJOR BECKWITH IS ASKING FOR YOU.
BROOOM
SORRY TO CALL YOU IN ON YOUR DAY OFF.
THIS MISSION IS TOP-SECRET.
ONE OF OUR SPY PLANES WAS SHOT DOWN NEAR THE LAOS BORDER 4 DAYS AGO. THE PILOT EJECTED, HOWEVER...
I WANT YOU TO GO RETRIEVE THE BLACK BOX FROM THE TAIL SECTION.
WE CAN'T LET THE COMMUNISTS HAVE IT.
ROGER!




THE MAJOR'S A SLAVE DRIVER! HE DOESN'T THINK WE CAN GET WORN OUT.
GRUMBLE, GRUMBLE.


IT JUST PROVES WE'RE THE BEST RECON TEAM.

YEAH, BUT WE GET PAID THE SAME.

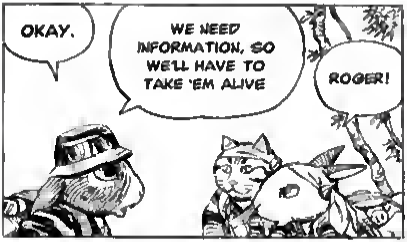

HAZARD PAY IS $50, ACROSS THE BOARD.

TRUE...

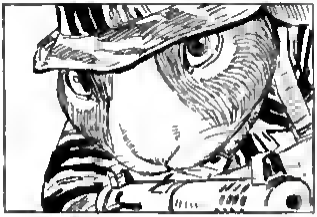
CHICO, HAVE HALF YOUR MEN TAKE A REST AND THE OTHER HALF SECURE THE PERIMETER.
MEOW!
AND GET 'EM TO CLEAN THEIR WEAPONS!
THIS IS CAT SHIT ONE, REPORTING IN.
MEOW! MEOW MEOW!
MEOW, MEOW.
MEOW. MEOWRR.
MEOW MEOW MEOW.
WHAT'RE THEY SAYING?
THEY'RE BITCHIN' ABOUT THEIR LOUSY PAY.
HA HA HA!
AHAHAHA!

PERKY!
CHICO, HELP SECURE THE PERIMETER!
LET'S GO GET SOME PHOTOS, RATS!
MEOW!
MEOW!
SHIT! THEY CUT IT OUT AND TOOK THE DAMN THING!
BOTASKI, REPORT IN TO THE MAJOR- WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR THE BLACK BOX.
ROGER!

PERKY!
THE MAJOR SAYS OUR RETRIEVAL MISSION JUST BECAME A RECOVERY MISSION.


OKAY.
WE NEED INFORMATION, SO WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE 'EM ALIVE
ROGER!

HERE THEY COME!
SHH!

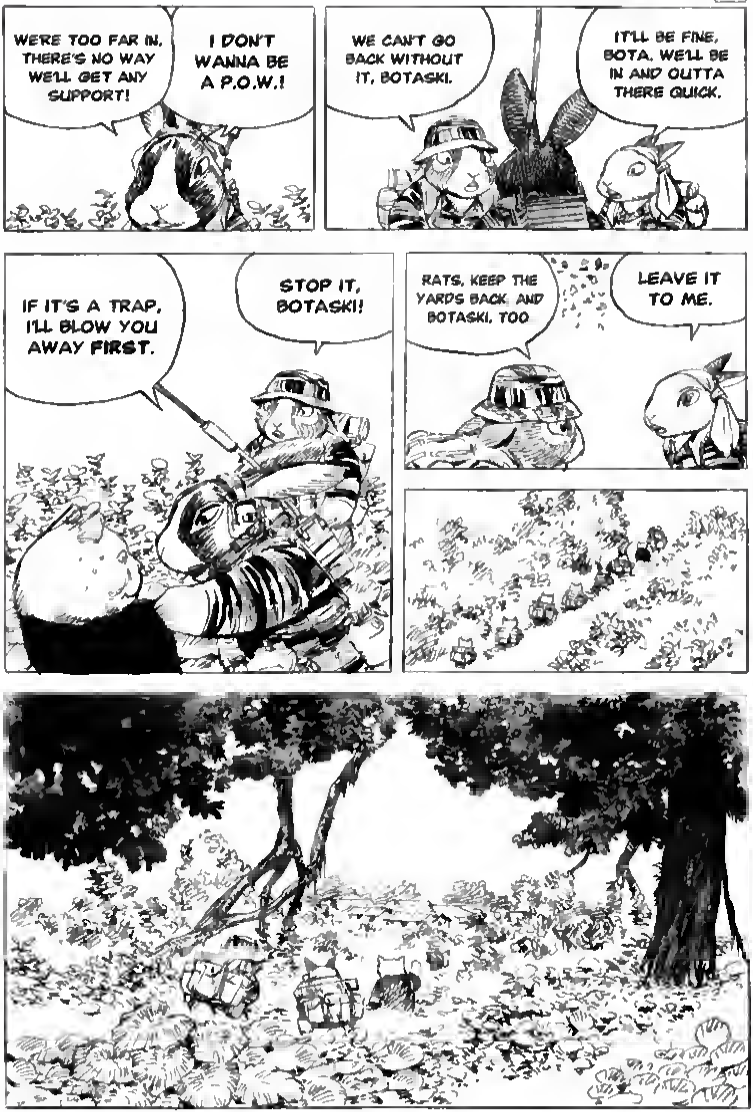


LET'S GO GET US SOME GIRLS ON THE NEXT DAY OFF.
MEOW!
NOW!
!
PTOW! BGANG! BTTTK! POW! BUN!
DON'T KILL 'EM!
TAKE 'EM ALIVE.
BUNT! BLN! BOK-O!

MEOW!
OH MAN, THIS IS TOTAL CHAOS!
CHICO, DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO TAKE 'EM ALIVE?!
SORRY, I GOT EXCITED.
MEOW! MEOW!
MW-MEOW!
HIDE THE BODIES.
WE'LL MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCATION AND DO IT OURSELVES. CLEAN THIS PLACE UP.
STAY WITH THE [3]YARDS, BOTASKI.
GOTCHA. DAMN TROUBLE-MAKERS...

[3] *Yard* • A corruption of *Montagnard* (French "mountain people") the minority tribes trained by U.S. special forces

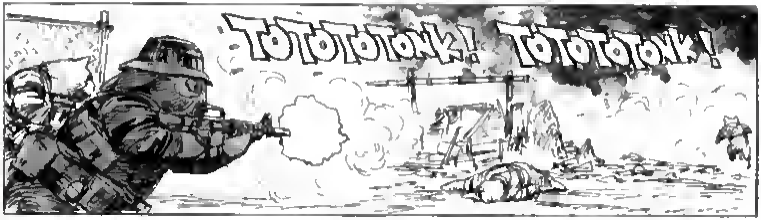
SPOPOPOPOP POM POM
POM
HER
HER
MW-MEOW! MEOW!
PERKY, HE'S BEGGING FOR HIS LIFE.
TELL HIM WE WON'T SHOOT IF HE COOPERATES, BUT THERE'LL BE NO MERCY IF HE TRIES ANYTHING.
HE SAYS THEY TOOK THE BLACK BOX TO A CAMP NEARBY.
I'LL GET BOTA AND THE YARDS.
WE'LL RECAPTURE IT BEFORE THE DAY'S OVER.

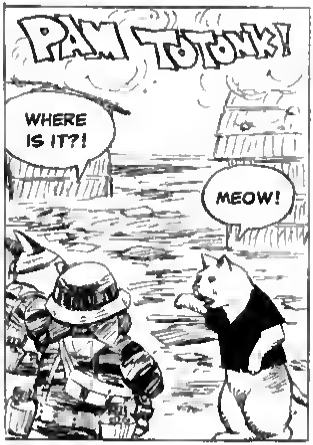

WE'RE TOO FAR IN. THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL GET ANY SUPPORT!
I DON'T WANNA BE A P.O.W.!
WE CAN'T GO BACK WITHOUT IT, BOTASKI.
IT'LL BE FINE, BOTA. WE'LL BE IN AND OUTTA THERE QUICK.
IF IT'S A TRAP, I'LL BLOW YOU AWAY FIRST.
STOP IT, BOTASKI!
RATS, KEEP THE YARDS BACK AND BOTASKI, TOO
LEAVE IT TO ME.

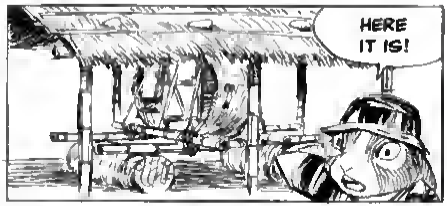
PERKY, HE SAYS THE BACK OF THE OUTHOUSE IS WIDE OPEN.
MEOW MEOW!
ALL RIGHT. WE'LL STRIKE THERE FIRST.
ORDER CHICO AND ONE MORE MAN TO FIRE THREE ROCKETS EACH.
THE RUSSIANS ARE SUPPOSEDLY COMING FROM HANOI TO PICK UP THE BLACK BOX.
THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD.
WHAT IS THIS "BLACK BOX"?
IT'S A NEW TYPE OF *ECCM. WE CAN'T LET THE RUSSIANS HAVE IT. NATO'S DEFENSE SYSTEM WOULD BE RUINED.
ONCE THE ROCKETS GO OFF, WE'LL LAUNCH AN ALL-OUT ASSAULT.
KILL EVERYONE YOU SEE. DON'T SCREW THIS UP!
MEOW!
MEOW!
STAY WITH ME. IF YOU DON'T, YOU'RE DEAD.
MEOW.

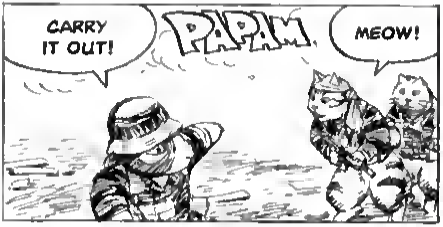
*ECCM = Electronic counter measures

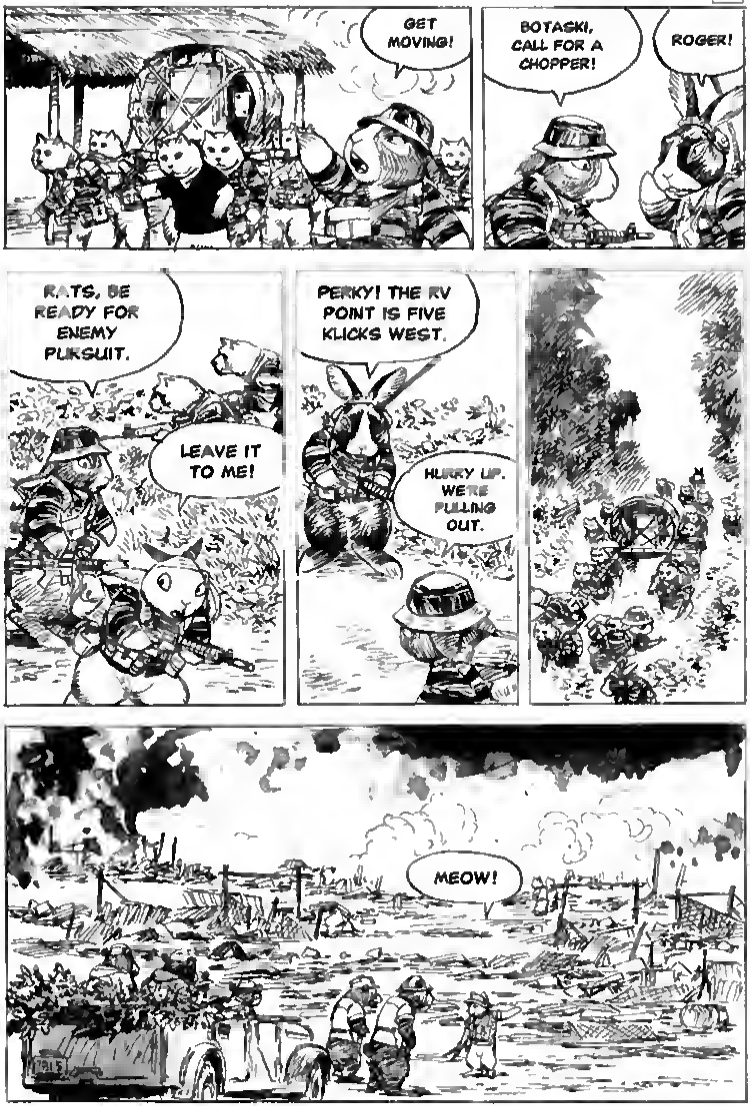
BOKOM!
BOKOM!
SH!!
BAKOM!
BAKOM!!
BAKOM!!
CHARGE!


TOTOTOTONK! TOTOTOTONK!


PAM TOTONK!
WHERE IS IT?!
MEOW!


HERE IT IS!

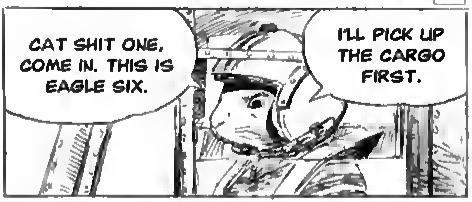

CARRY IT OUT!
P.A.P.I.M.
MEOW!

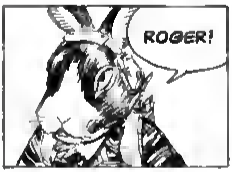

GET MOVING!
BOTASKI, CALL FOR A CHOPPER!
ROGER!
RATS, BE READY FOR ENEMY PURSUIT.
LEAVE IT TO ME!
PERKY! THE RV POINT IS FIVE KLICKS WEST.
HURRY UP. WE'RE PULLING OUT.
MEOW!

WHAT'S WRONG?
A U.S. SPECIAL UNIT TOOK IT AWAY.
DAMN. GO AFTER THEM, AND TAKE IT BACK.
BOTASKI, GO AHEAD AND SECURE THE [5]LZ.
ROGER!
BUNNY HOPPING, FULL SPEED AHEAD!
IN AN HOUR WE'LL BE HAVING A COLD ONE BACK AT THE BASE.

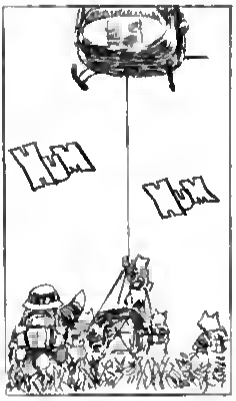
[5] *LZ* = Landing Zone

WUP!
WUP!

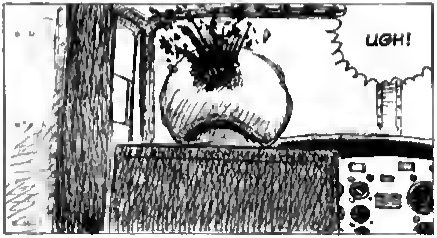

CAT SHIT ONE, COME IN. THIS IS EAGLE SIX.
I'LL PICK UP THE CARGO FIRST.

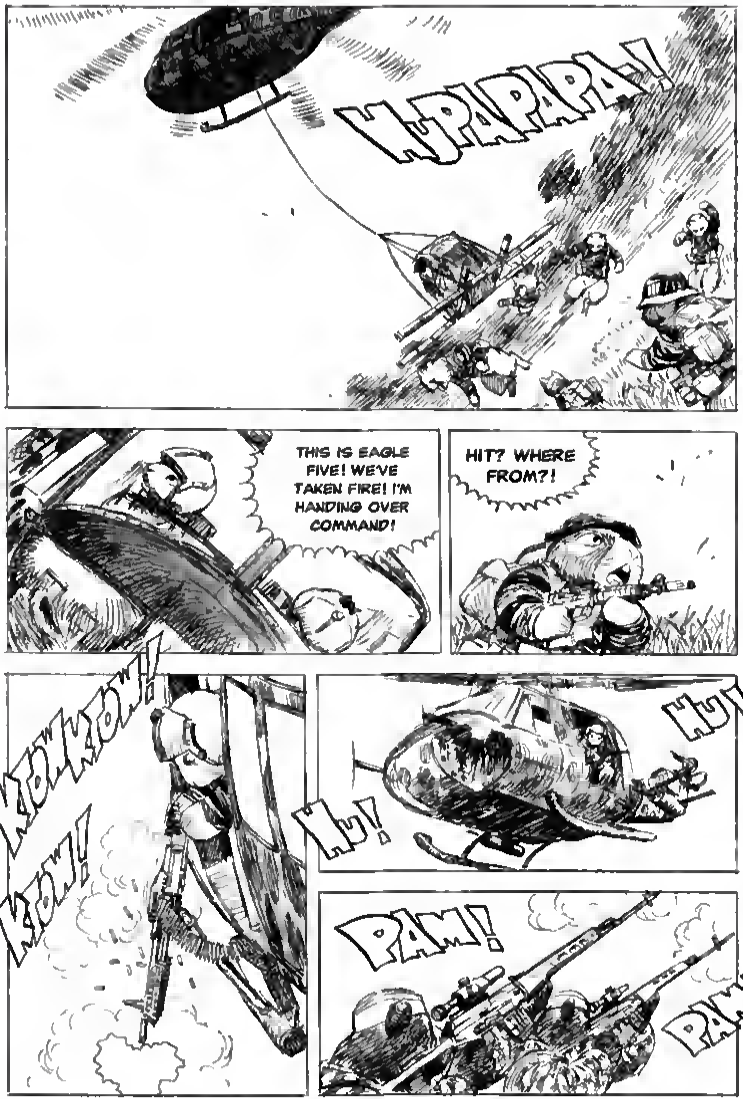

ROGER!

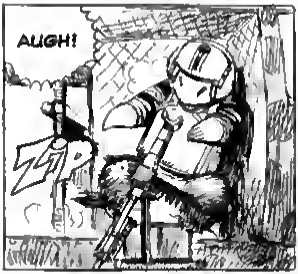
THIS WAY!


HM
HM

PAM


UGH!


WHAPAPA!
THIS IS EAGLE FIVE! WE'VE TAKEN FIRE! I'M HANDING OVER COMMAND!
HIT? WHERE FROM?!
KOW KOW!
KOW!
HIT!
HIT!
PAM!
PAM!
PAM!


AUGH!
ZZIP

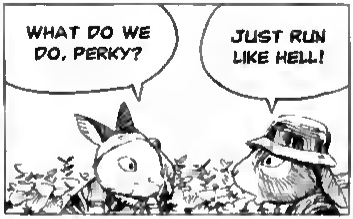
ZIP
BOOM

Goddammit!
We've been hit! Abort mission!

Cat Shit One, come in! We're aborting mission!
HJM
NO!
HJM

GET BACK HERE, YOU PUSSIES!
SSH! QUIET!

THEY'LL ATTACK US. WE'LL HAVE TO CRAWL OUT OF HERE.

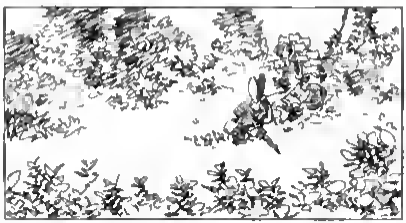

WHAT DO WE DO, PERKY?
JUST RUN LIKE HELL!

BOTASKI, YOU GO ON AHEAD WITH THE YARDS.
YOU GONNA BE ALL RIGHT?

WE'LL STALL THEM. I ALSO WANT...
TO SEE WHO THEY ARE.

WE'LL GO FOUR KLICKS, AND WAIT AN HOUR FOR YOU.
WATCH YOUR BACK.
OKAY.

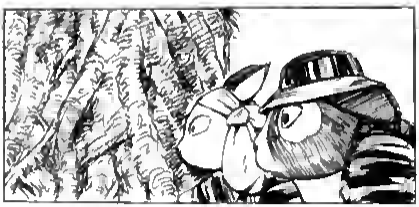
MEOW! RATS!
DON'T WORRY, CHICO.



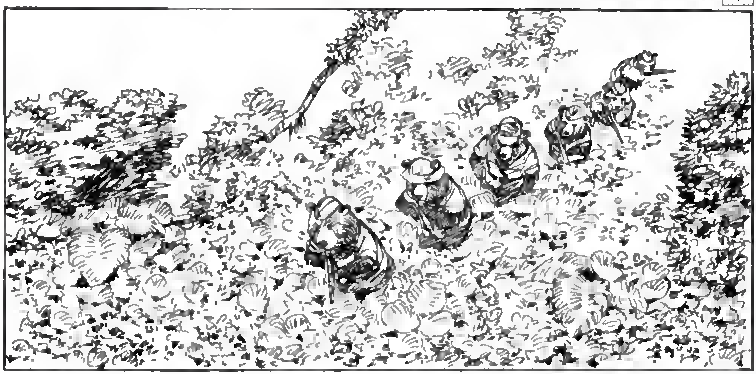
SO WHERE'LL WE DO IT, PERKY?
WE NEED A SPOT WITH GOOD VISIBILITY AND EASY ACCESS.

OPEN AND UNEVEN TERRAIN, RIGHT?

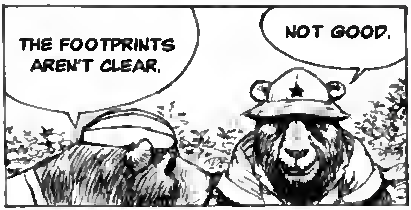
THERE THEY ARE.
LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT 'EM.



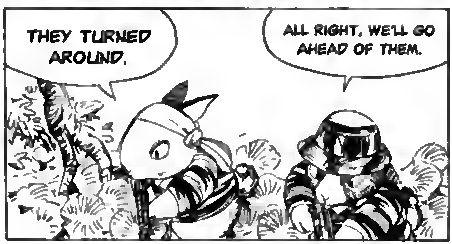
RUSSIANS, PERKY.
SSH!
WRAP YOUR FEET WITH BANANA LEAVES.
THE GROUP SPLIT UP HERE. TWO MEN WENT THAT WAY.
IT'S A TRAP. WE'LL GO AFTER THE TWO.

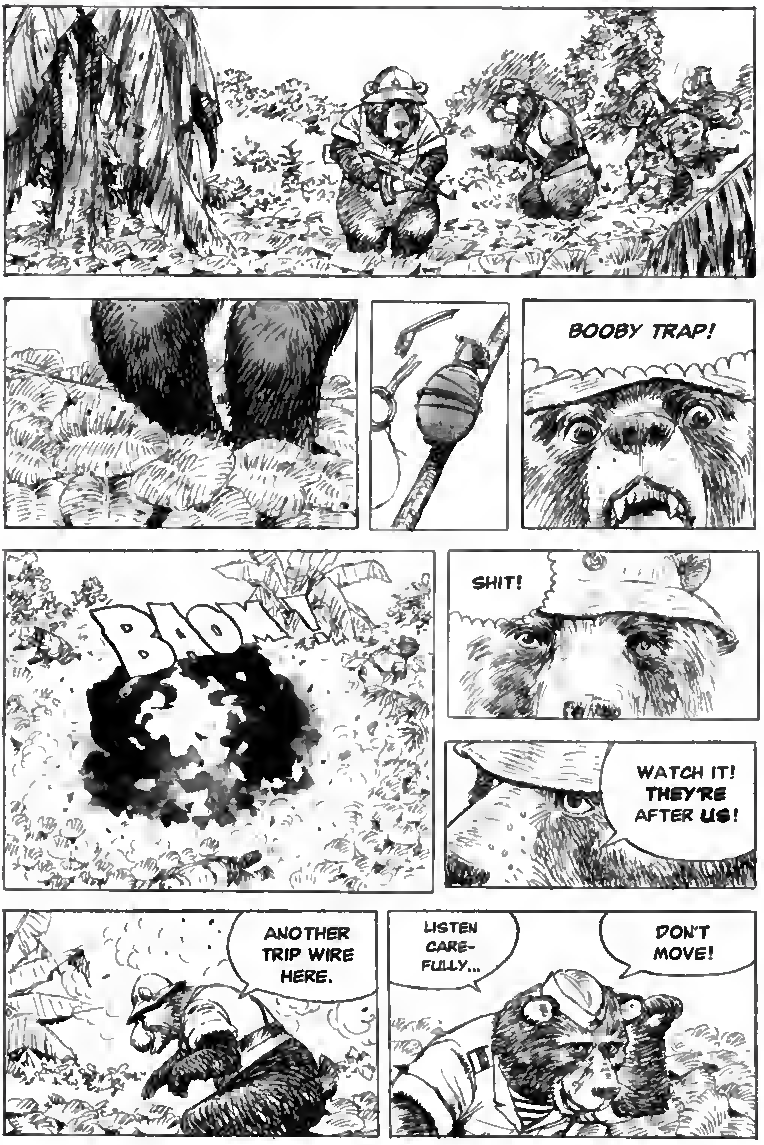


WHAT'S WRONG, SERGEANT?


THE FOOTPRINTS AREN'T CLEAR.
NOT GOOD.

WE'LL GO BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED.
STAY ALERT. THESE GUYS ARE GOOD.


THEY TURNED AROUND.
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL GO AHEAD OF THEM.


BOOBY TRAP!
BAOM!
SHIT!
WATCH IT! THEY'RE AFTER US!
ANOTHER TRIP WIRE HERE.
LISTEN CARE-FULLY...
DON'T MOVE!

SHIT! IT DIDN'T WORK.
WISH WE'D KEPT THE EQUIPMENT...
C'MON, LET'S GO. WE'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE.
OVER THERE.
PAPAM!
ZIP ZIP
RUN FOR IT!

THAT'S A NEW TYPE OF RIFLE THEY'RE USIN'.
MAYBE THEY'RE TESTING IT.

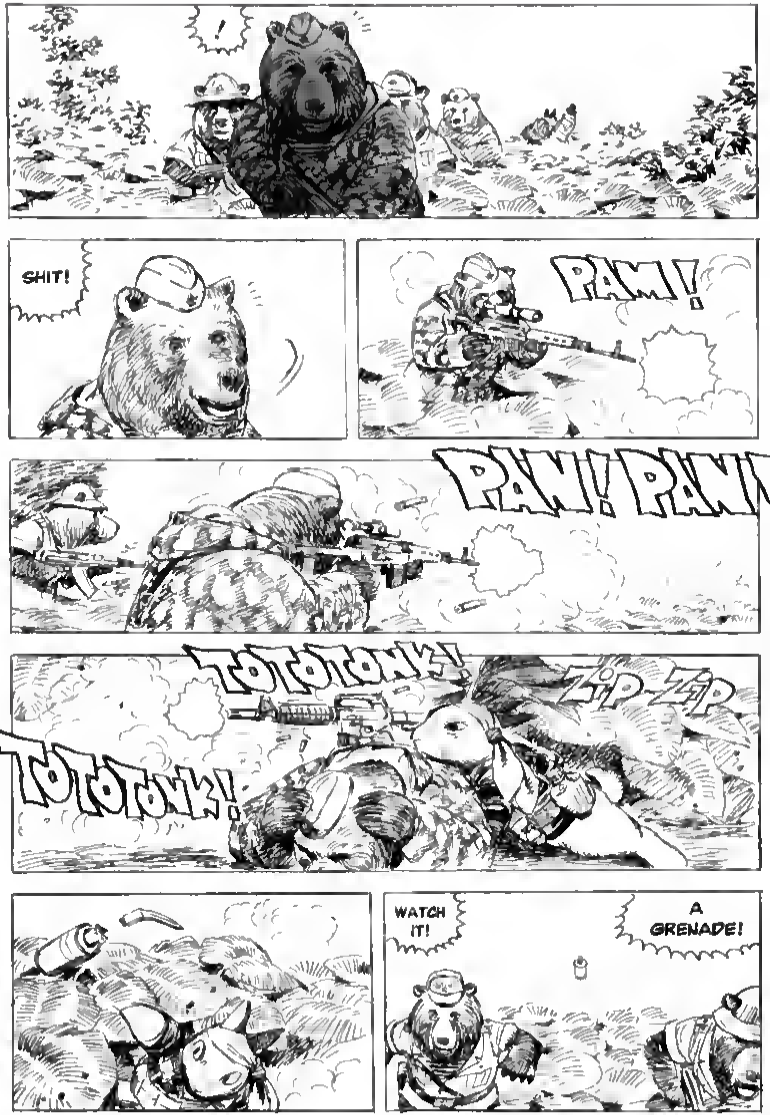
THEN LET'S GET OUR HANDS ON ONE

THEY DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY COMBAT EXPERIENCE.

WATCH OUT FOR THAT PRIVATE, THOUGH.
HE'S GOT AN ITCHY TRIGGER FINGER.

HER HER

!
WHAT'S WRONG, SERGEANT?
THE CORPORAL'S GONE! HE WAS OUR ANCHOR.
SHIT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO KEEP GOING.
BE QUIET. WE WON'T KILL YOU.
URGH.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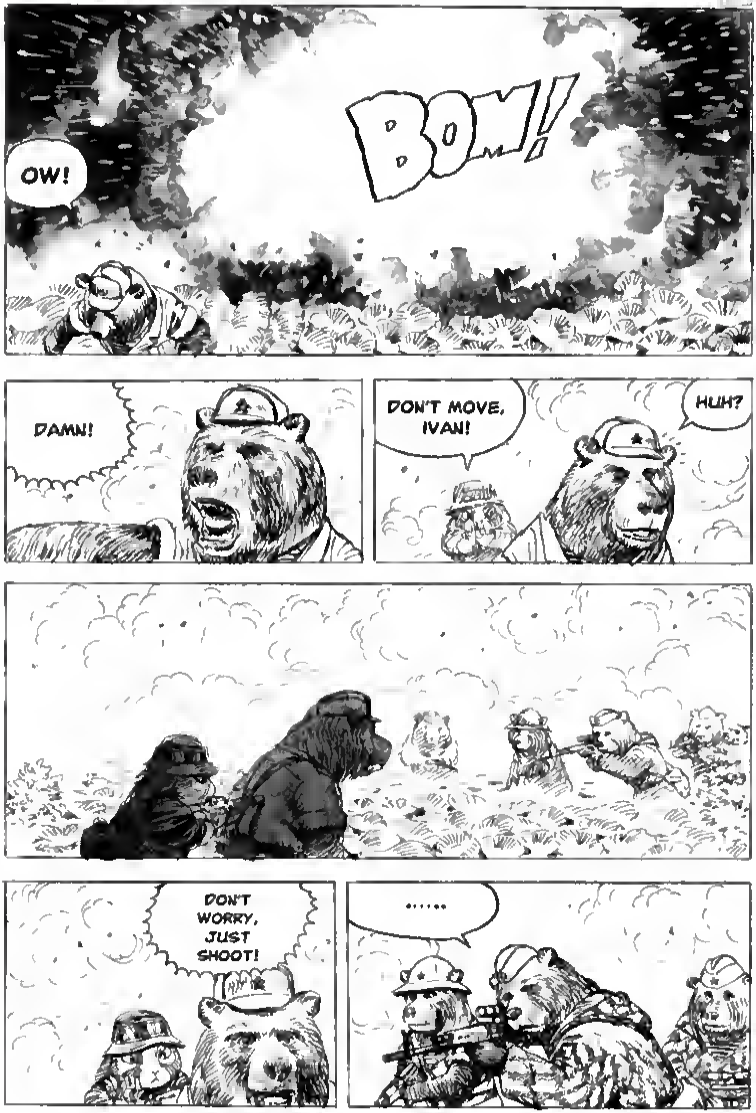
SHIT!
PAM!
PAN! PAN!
TOTOTONK!
ZIP-ZIP
TOTOTONK!
WATCH IT!
A GRENADE!

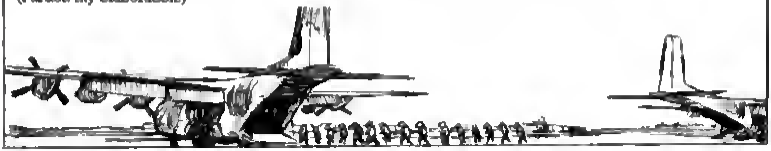

BOM!
OW!
DAMN!
DON'T MOVE, IVAN!
HUH?
DON'T WORRY, JUST SHOOT!
.....

WE HAVE A HOSTAGE. TELL YOU WHAT--WE'LL MAKE A DEAL.
LEAVE NOW, BEFORE THIS BECOMES AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT.
SHIT!
I HANDLED IT PEACEFULLY. NO PROBLEM.
WHAT ABOUT THE CHOPPER?
IT'LL BE HERE SOON.
HEY! HOW'D IT GO?
MEOW!
MEOW!

FUM!
FUM!
WE WERE HELD UP A BIT.
GOOD WORK ANYHOW!
LOOK, WE'VE GOT A BIT OF A PROBLEM WITH YOU..
WHAT IS IT, SIR?
ABOUT AN INCIDENT A WHILE BACK. REMEMBER HOW YOU SIGNED A PAPER FOR THE CHINESE?
OH, THAT FAKE DOCUMENT.
IT'S A MAJOR ISSUE AT THE DOD! I WANT YOU TO GO TO OUR SECRET BASE IN LAOS FOR SIX MONTHS OR SO.
LAOS?
THEY'VE GOT A REAL WAR GOING ON THERE, TOO.
In the next chapter, I'LL be the hero...

MISSION: 15
The Self Defense Forces' War in Vietnam
THE SIX OF YOU WILL...
WHAT THE-?!
IS SOMETHING WRONG, SIR?
IS THAT STAFF SERGEANT NAKAMURA BACK THERE?
I BELIEVE SO.
WHY IS HE HERE?
HE HAD REQUESTED DISCHARGE, BUT SOMEHOW HE ENDED UP AT THE DEFENSE AGENCY.
WHAT?! YOU SENT HIM HERE?!
OH, WELL. I GUESS HE'LL JUST BE BURIED IN VIETNAM, THEN.

According to the public records, a group called the "Defense Agency Official Study Mission" was dispatched to South Vietnam from September 19 through October 2, 1966. Major Japanese firms happened to be building factories there at the same time. Beginning in 1967, Self Defense Force units were deployed in Vietnam, this time without public knowledge. This is the story of the fifteen men who made up the second group sent to South Vietnam. They were transported by C-130 personnel aircraft from Yokota Airbase (Pardon my elaboration.)



Originally, I (the author) thought all the members dispatched were from the First Airborne Brigade but it turned out I was wrong. From the information we now have, one member of the Air SDF, one from the Maritime SDF and five or six from the First Airborne Brigade were sent out. The remainder were from the SDF's Fuji School and Winter Team. For security reasons, many of the members were officers.

The Air SDF shared duties with [1]FAC and [2]CCT

And the Maritime SDF were with the [3]SEALS

The formal name of the Winter Team is the Cold Weather Combat Training Team. It is an elite unit of the Ground SDF in the 1970s, they were known by their black berets and skull flag, wich sparked a controversy

Since the 1990s, the Winter Team has dispatched several members at a time to Ft. Bragg (the US Special Forces' headquarters) as well as Hereford, headquarters of the British SAS, for training. Currently, official statements on the Ground Self-Defense Force's Special Operations units cover the First Airborne Brigade and the Western Army Infantry Regiment (WAiR). The Winter Team, however, is treated with secrecy even today.

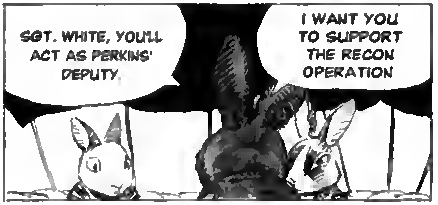
[1] *FAC* = Forward Air Controller

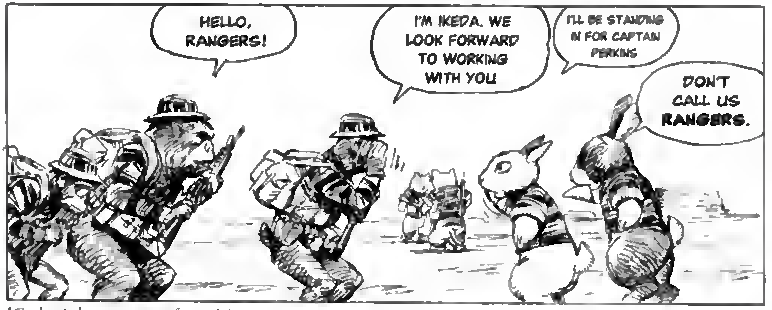
[2] *CCT* = Combat Control Team

[3] *SEALS* (SEa Air and Land) = The US Navy's Elite Unit

Upon arriving at Nha Trang, they received LRRP training at the MACV Recondo School, which was managed and operated by the 5th Special Forces Group. The hard-working Japanese graduated with high marks and were assigned to various posts.

Please read ***Apocalypse Meow*** Vol. 2 to learn more about LRRP training (shameless plug). I've heard approximately sixty SDF members were sent to Vietnam during a two year period. One member was decorated with the Silver Star, three were awarded Bronze Stars, and two died in action.



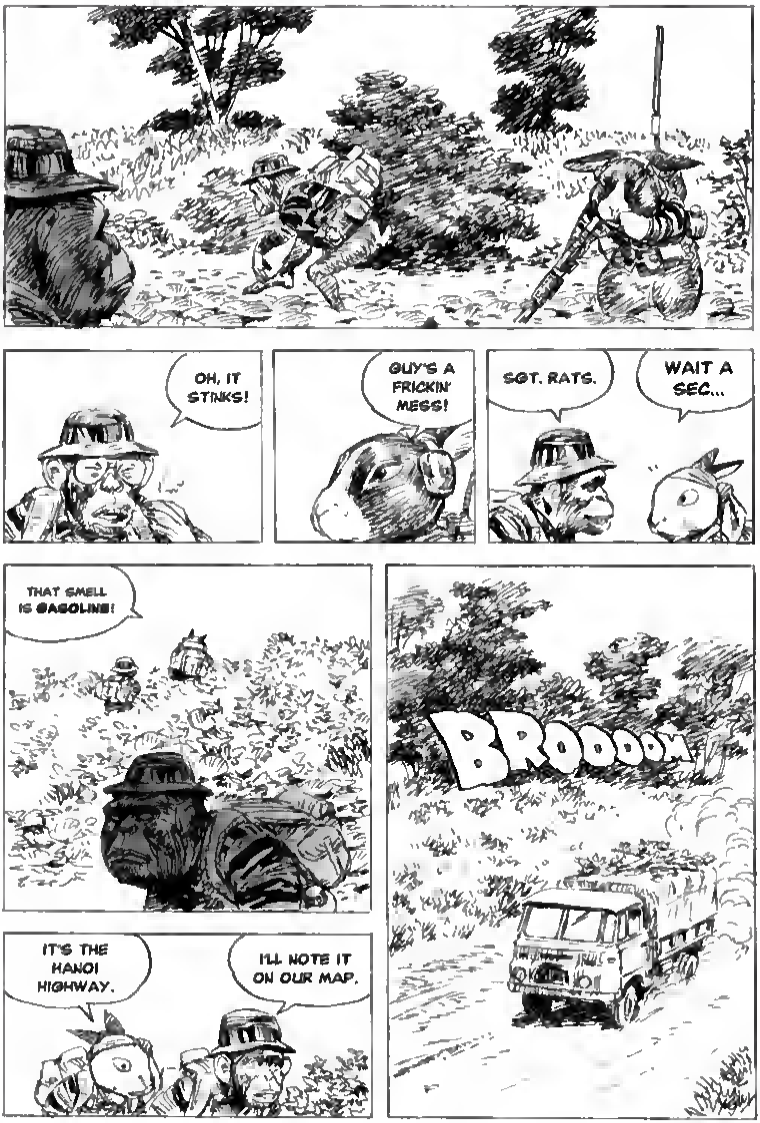


[4] *Gook* = A derogatory term for an Asian

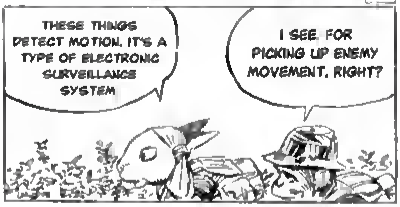
AHEM!
COUGH!
RECON
AHEM!
THIS GUY'S SURE PROUD OF HIMSELF
HEH.
WE'RE MOVING OUT, SIR!
GOOD LUCK, CAPTAIN IKEDA.
WUP!
WUP!
WUP!

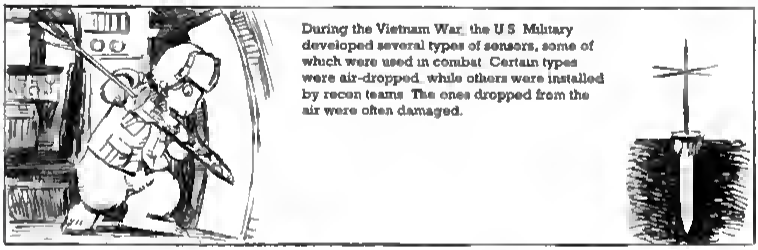
NAKAMURA! TAKE THE POINT.
LT. SATOH, YOU'LL BE THE ANCHOR.
IS THIS ALL RIGHT, SGT. WHITE?
DO AS YOU LIKE. AND CALL ME RATS.
WHADDYA THINK YER DOIN'? YOU'RE THE POINT MAN.
HER-HER
MOVE YOUR ASS!
CAPTAIN IKEDA, IS THAT A JAPANESE SWORD?
MY FATHER TOLD ME TO BRING IT ALONG.
HOW 'BOUT THAT...

STAY WITH "MR. COMMANDER," BOTASKI.
THAT SOB'S A TROUBLEMAKER. HE'S SCARED.
I'LL COVER YOU.
HER
HER
DON'T MOVE!
WATCH OUT!
A LAND-MINE? STAY STILL.
NO. IT'S JUST SOME SHIT...
OOPS!
I STEPPED ON IT!
CLICK


OH, IT STINKS!
GUY'S A FRICKIN' MESS!
SGT. RATS.
WAIT A SEC...
THAT SMELL IS GASOLINE!
BROOOOM
IT'S THE HANOI HIGHWAY.
I'LL NOTE IT ON OUR MAP.

ONCE IT GETS DARK, WE'LL INSTALL SENSORS.
SENSORS?


THESE THINGS DETECT MOTION. IT'S A TYPE OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
I SEE. FOR PICKING UP ENEMY MOVEMENT, RIGHT?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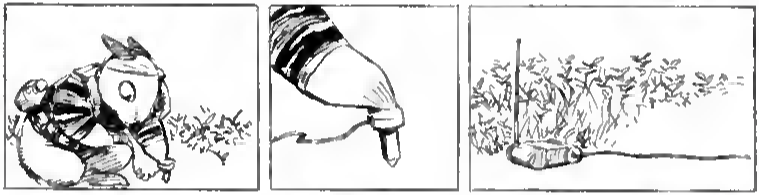
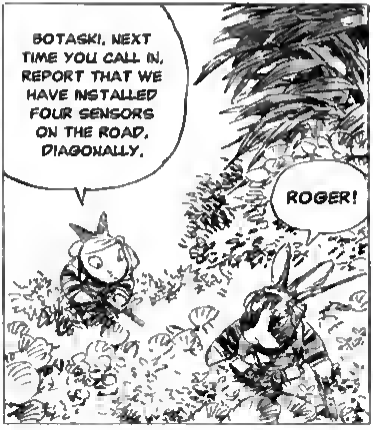
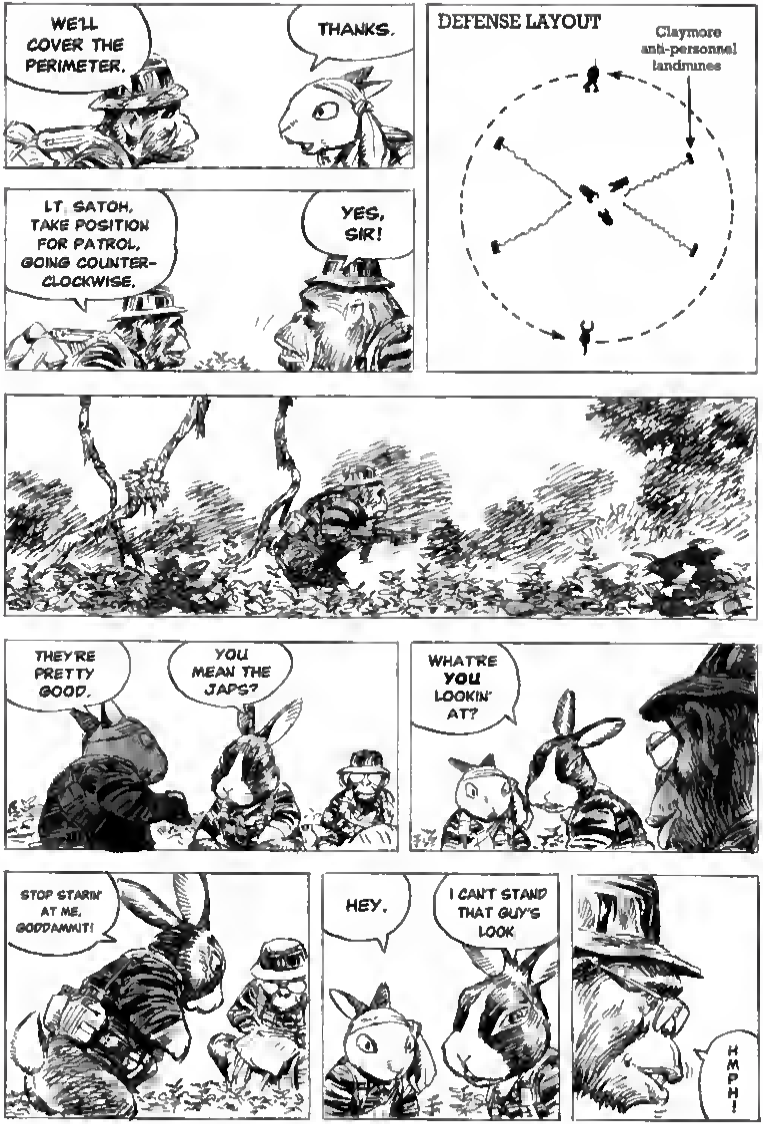


LET'S TAKE A BREAK OVER THERE, CAPTAIN IKEDA.
OKAY! SATOH AND I WILL TAKE FIRST WATCH.

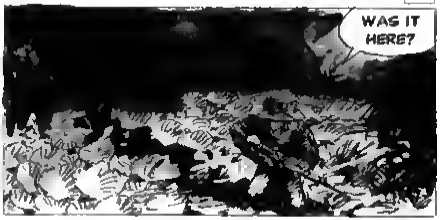

BOTASKI, NEXT TIME YOU CALL IN, REPORT THAT WE HAVE INSTALLED FOUR SENSORS ON THE ROAD, DIAGONALLY.
ROGER!


WE'LL COVER THE PERIMETER.
THANKS.
DEFENSE LAYOUT
Claymore anti-personnel landmines
LT. SATOH, TAKE POSITION FOR PATROL, GOING COUNTER-CLOCKWISE.
YES, SIR!
THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD.
YOU MEAN THE JAPS?
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKIN' AT?
STOP STARIN' AT ME, GODDAMMIT!
HEY.
I CAN'T STAND THAT GUY'S LOOK
HMPH!

FRONT TOWARD ENEMY
Authorized Persons ONLY
CLICK
CLICK

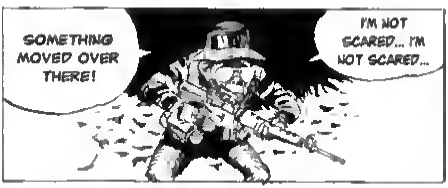
AHEM!
STAFF SERGEANT NAKAMURA.
WHEN DID YOU EVER RECEIVE THE AIRBORNE AND WINTER TEAM INSIGNIAS?
YIKES!
WHOA!!
KEEP QUIET! WHAT'S WITH YOU?
IT'S TIME TO SWITCH
HER
HER
U-UNDER-STOOD.

DAMN!
IT'S PITCH BLACK. I CAN'T SEE A THING!

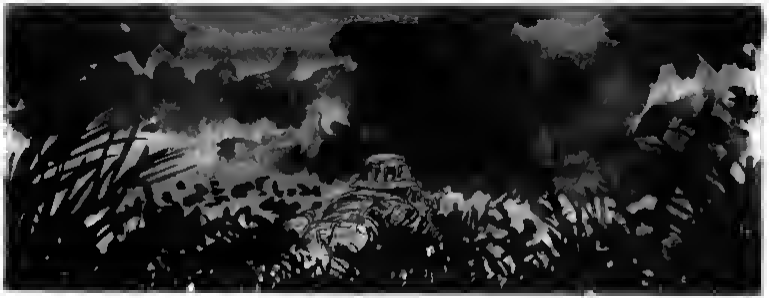

WAS IT HERE?

HER
HER
HER

HER


SOMETHING MOVED OVER THERE!
I'M NOT SCARED... I'M NOT SCARED...

HER
HER



THE VC!

GOOD JOB, NAKAMURA!
YOU'RE A MODEL SOLDIER!

HEH HEH HEH...

TOTOTOTOTOK!
TOTOTOTOTOTOK!

ZIP! ZIP! ZIP!
AUGH!
DIE, VC!
STOP! HOLD YOUR FIRE!
DAMN VC. YOU CAN'T TRICK ME!
TOTOTONK!
ZIP!
STOP!
TOTOTONK!
TOTOTONK!
HUH?
BLAM!

THE IDIOT WAS FACING US.
IS HE DEAD?
NO. HE'S STILL BREATHING.
STUPID SHIT!
PLEASE FORGIVE HIM. HE'S A PATHETIC MORON!
THE NVA MUST HAVE HEARD THAT. REQUEST EVAC!
ROGER!
I AM TRULY SORRY.
OH, MY HEAD...
YOU USELESS SON OF A BITCH!
TOTOTONK!
MEOW!
RATS. I TOLD YOU TO WAIT 'TIL DAWN.
FRIGGIN' "NUMBER TEN"...

[8] *Number ten* = The worst possible. The best possible is "number one."

ONE MORE MISTAKE, AND I'LL BLOW YOU TO PIECES.
THE ENEMY!
DON'T MOVE!
THIS STINKS.
THEY'RE GONE.
WUP!
WUP!

HMM!
HMM!
THANKS FOR YOUR TROUBLE. BECKWITH IS WAITING FOR YOU.
I'LL REPORT IN.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT
WHEN YOU'RE DONE, LET'S GO FOR SOME DRINKS.
HEY, SAITO. WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
YESTERDAY, SIR.
WE'RE ASSIGNED TO THE FOURTH RECON.
THEY'RE MARINES. BE CAREFUL.
YOU BE CAREFUL, TOO, SIR.
GO GET 'EM, NAKAMURA!
HAH HA HA!
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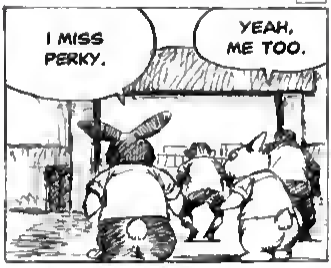
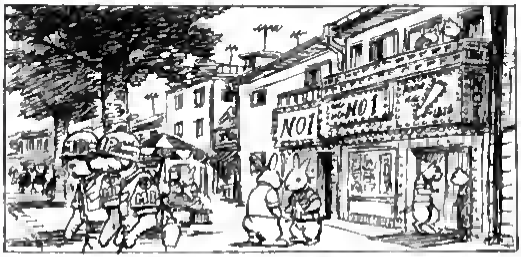
5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP AIRBORNE


I MISS PERKY.
YEAH, ME TOO.


NO1
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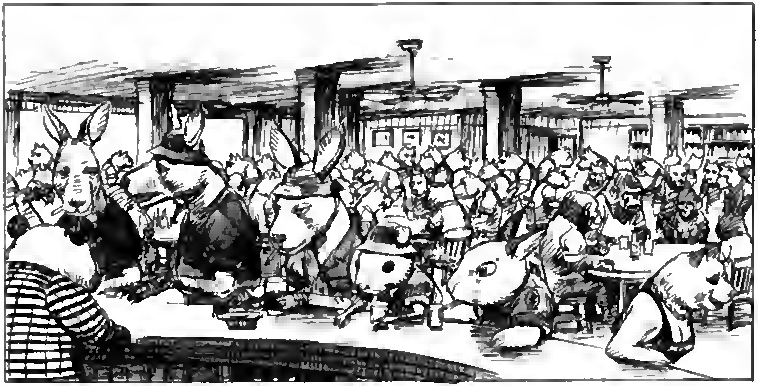
LT. SATOH, REMEMBER, WE ARE JAPANESE AMERICANS
RIGHT!
RUFF.

RUFF!
RUFF RUFF.

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?
I DON'T LIKE THAT FACE.

HEY, YOU!



YOU'RE ENGLISH, RIGHT?
NOPE. I'M AN AUSSIE.

YEP, HE'S AN AUSSIE, NOT ENGLISH GAS OR ANYTHING
THE ENGLISH AREN'T IN VIETNAM, AFTER ALL!

HA HA HA!

LOOKS LIKE YOUR FRIENDS ARE IN TROUBLE.

NEED ANY HELP?
THEY CAN HANDLE IT.

HEY, YOU! SAY SOMETHIN'!
YOU'RE JAPANESE, AREN'T YOU?

[4]*Jjok-bahl-ee* = A derogatory term for the Japanese or Korean. It refers to a certain type of footwear that Japanese wore in the past, which made their feet look somewhat like hooves. The term literally means "pig feet."

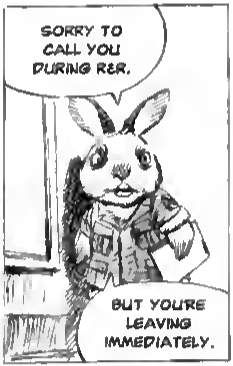
[7]*Wei-nu* = In Chinese, a derogatory term for the Japanese.

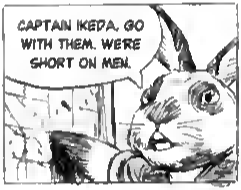
SEE? THE JAPANESE ARE AMAZING.
HUH?
YOU MEAN JAPANESE AMERICANS.
RIGHT!
YIPE!
WOO-RI-NEUN JJOK-BAHL-EE-GAH AH-NI-YA. IL-BOHN-SAH-RAHM-EE-YA.
(WE ARE NOT JJOK-BAHL-EE! WE ARE JAPANESE!)
THEY'RE THE BEST AT HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING
YEAH...
Fweeee
MP
SHIT! IT'S THE MP!
ARE THE CAT SHIT ONE ROADRUNNERS HERE?
THAT'S US.
THE KOREANS STARTED IT.

.....
THIS IS YOUR FAULT.

BECKWITH IS ASKING FOR US.

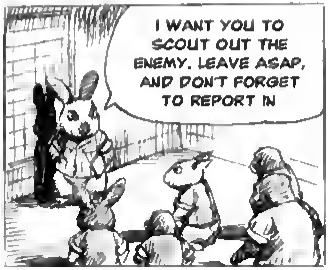
MPS ARE HERE. IT MUST BE AN EMERGENCY FOR PROJECT DELTA.
SOUNDS LIKE SOME AMERICAN MADE A BOOBOO.


SORRY TO CALL YOU DURING R&R.
BUT YOU'RE LEAVING IMMEDIATELY.


CAPTAIN IKEDA. GO WITH THEM. WE'RE SHORT ON MEN.

IS THE SITUATION BAD?

A CIA COMM STATION IN LAOS WAS TAKEN BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE.
IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY.

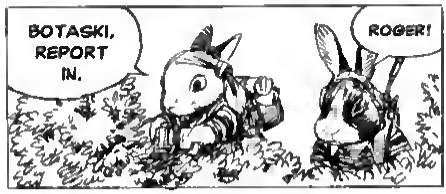

I WANT YOU TO SCOUT OUT THE ENEMY. LEAVE ASAP, AND DON'T FORGET TO REPORT IN

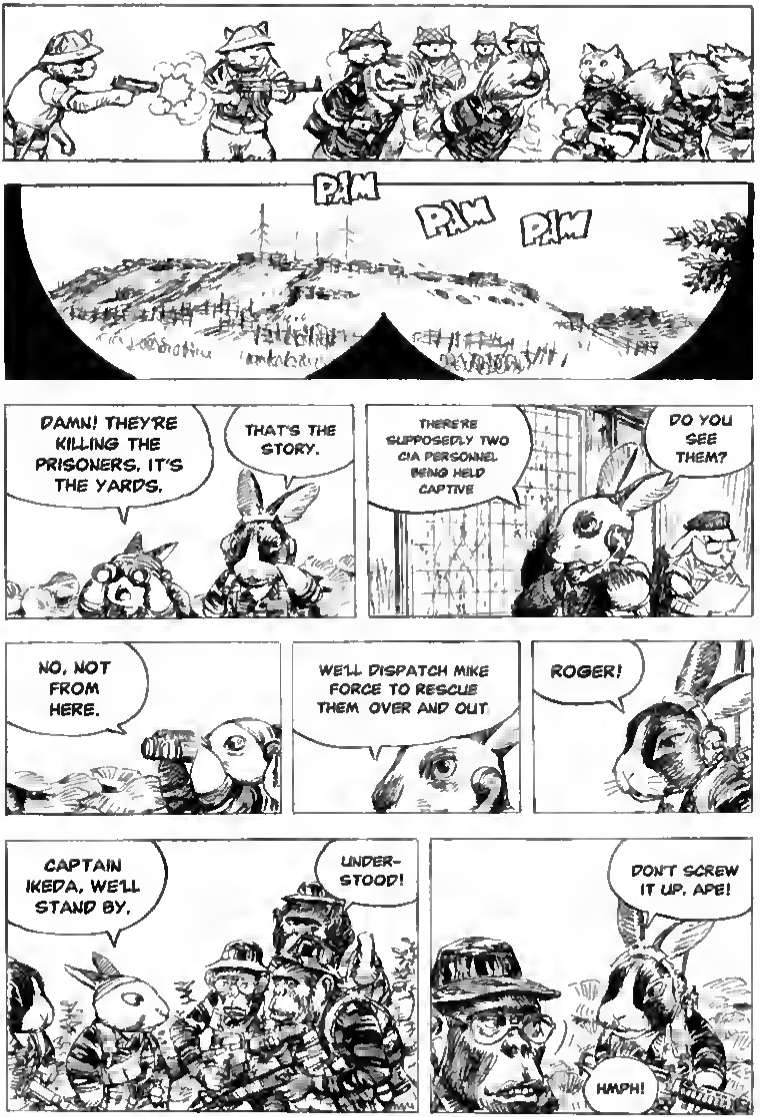
SERGEANT WHITE, ARE THEY ALL RECON TEAM?
NO, THEY'RE DECOYS.
THE ENEMY IS WELL-PREPARED FOR US. BUT THE TOP BRASS ARE FINALLY USING THEIR HEADS.
THE SITUATION MUST BE SERIOUS.

JUST A PATROL. LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVEN'T SPOTTED US.
RIGHT. THEN WE'LL PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

BE CAREFUL, IDIOT!
HMPH!

THE COMM STATION IS AHEAD, RIGHT?
WE'RE ALMOST THERE


BOTASKI, REPORT IN.
ROGER!


P.I.M
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DAMN! THEY'RE KILLING THE PRISONERS. IT'S THE YARDS.
THAT'S THE STORY.
THERE'RE SUPPOSEDLY TWO CIA PERSONNEL BEING HELD CAPTIVE
DO YOU SEE THEM?
NO, NOT FROM HERE.
WE'LL DISPATCH MIKE FORCE TO RESCUE THEM OVER AND OUT
ROGER!
CAPTAIN IKEDA, WE'LL STAND BY.
UNDER-STOOD!
DON'T SCREW IT UP, APE!
HMPH!

NAKAMURA, COME HERE.
SIR!
I HAVE A SPECIAL DUTY FOR YOU.
WHAT IS IT, SIR?
REMOVE THE MAGAZINE FROM YOUR RIFLE.
MAKE SURE THE CHAMBER IS EMPTY.
IT'S EMPTY, SIR!
GOOD!
DO YOU SEE THAT BIG TREE?
SIR?
YOUR MISSION IS TO GUARD THAT TREE UNTIL MY NEXT ORDER. REPORT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.
IF YOU HAVE TO TAKE A PISS OR EVEN BLOW A FART, YOU REPORT TO ME.
I'm gonna kill that bastard.
GAH HA HA HAH!
EH HEH HEH!

Cat Shit One, come in!
THEY'RE HERE!
THREE MIKE FORCE SQUADRONS ARE IN TRANSIT NOW.
ETA, 1300 HOURS. WILL START OFFENSIVE AT 1500.
WE ARE NOT IN LAOS.
Mike Force will handle everything. There'll be no air support.
Perky is approaching from the west with troops.
ROGER!
PERKY'S COMIN'!
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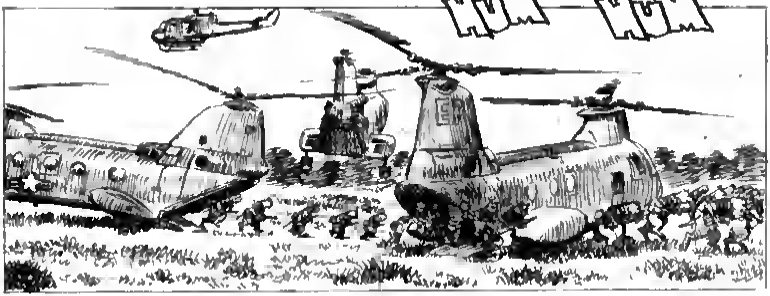
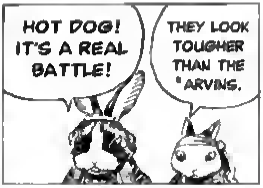
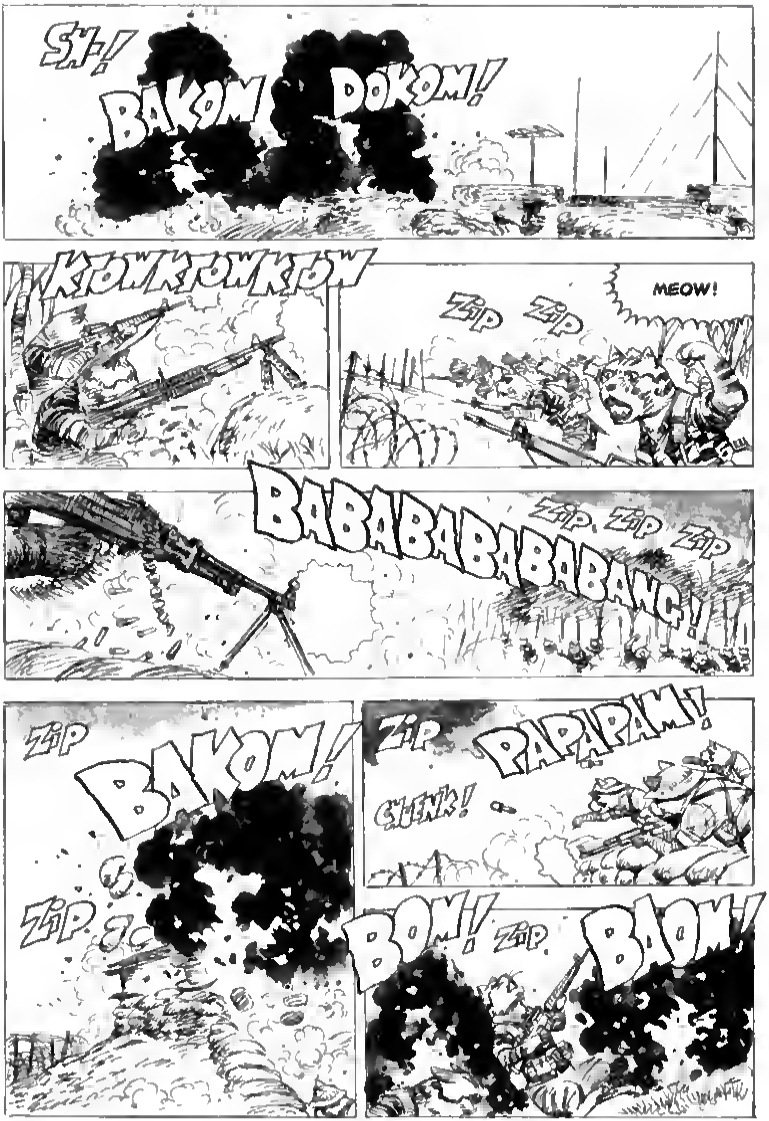




*Arvin = Soldier in the ARVN or South Vietnamese Regular Army


SY!
BAKOM!
DOKOM!
KKOWKKOWKKOW
ZIP ZIP
MEOW!
BABABABABABANG!!
ZIP ZIP ZIP
ZIP
BAKOM!
ZIP
ZIP
PAPAPAM!
CLENK!
BOM!
ZIP
BAOM!

TOTOTONK!
ZIP.
CHUNK!
ZIP
PAPAPAPAM!
SHIT. IT'S A MASSACRE.
DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
YO! PERKY! WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
WHAT'S WITH THE GETUP?
I WAS ON R&R IN BANGKOK WHEN THEY CALLED ME.
I'M TRAINING STRAYS AT THE SECRET BASE IN LAOS.
MEOW!
HEY! CAPTAIN IKEDA, LT SATOH! BEEN A WHILE.
READY FOR ACTION?
IS IT ALRIGHT FOR US TO JOIN IN?

KOWKOWKOWKOW
TOTOTONK!
BOM!
P.P.P.P.M.! DOM

SHIT, THEY'RE STUBBORN!
MY TROOPS WILL ATTACK FROM THE FLANK.

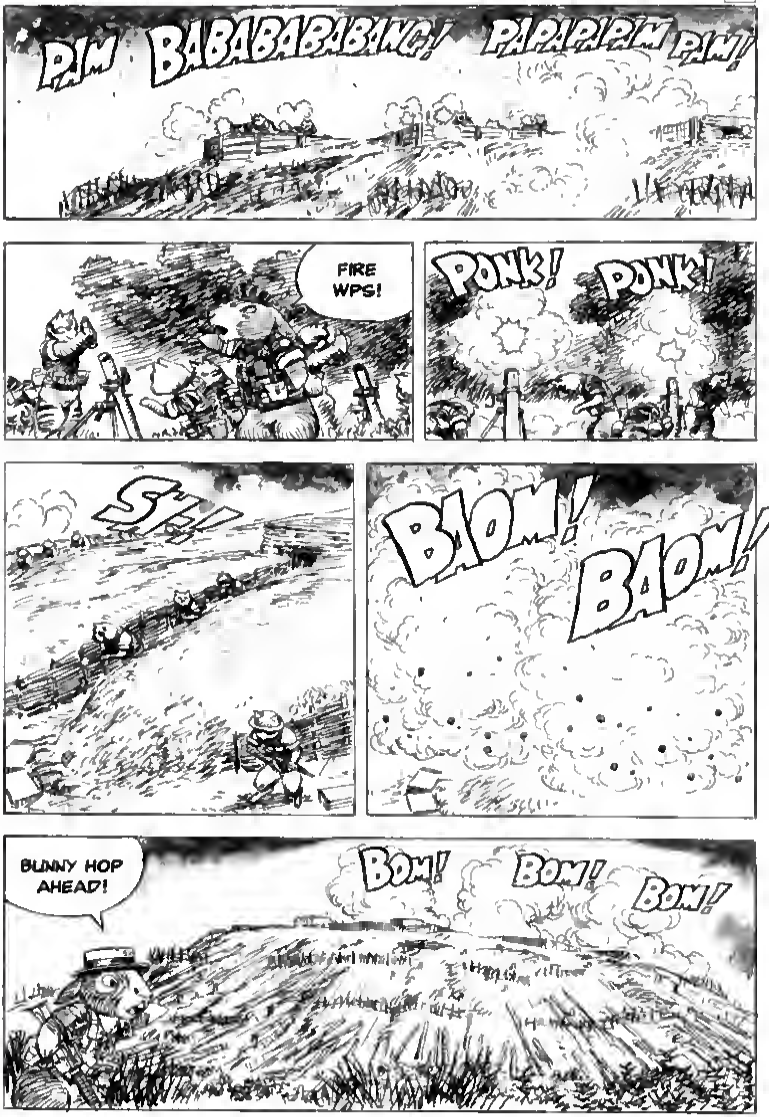
THAT'D BE GREAT. WHAT DO YOU NEED?
DO YOU HAVE ANY WPS?

READY, CAPTAIN IKEDA?
LET'S GO, BRAVE HMONG!
MEOW!

LT. SATOH, CAN I LOAD MY MAGA-ZINE NOW?
NOT YET, NAKAMURA.

HE'LL SCREW THINGS UP.
NO SHIT.

I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
IF HE SCREWS UP, HE'S DEAD


PAM BABABABABANG! PAPAPAPAM PAM!
FIRE WPS!
PONK! PONK!
SH!
BIOM! BADM!
BUNNY HOP AHEAD!
BOM! BOM! BOM!

MOVE IT, MONKEY!
HER HER
PAPAPAM!
MEOW!
DAMN! CHARGE!
ZIP
PAM
BABABABANG!
ZIP
CLINK
YARGH!
ZIP
ZIP
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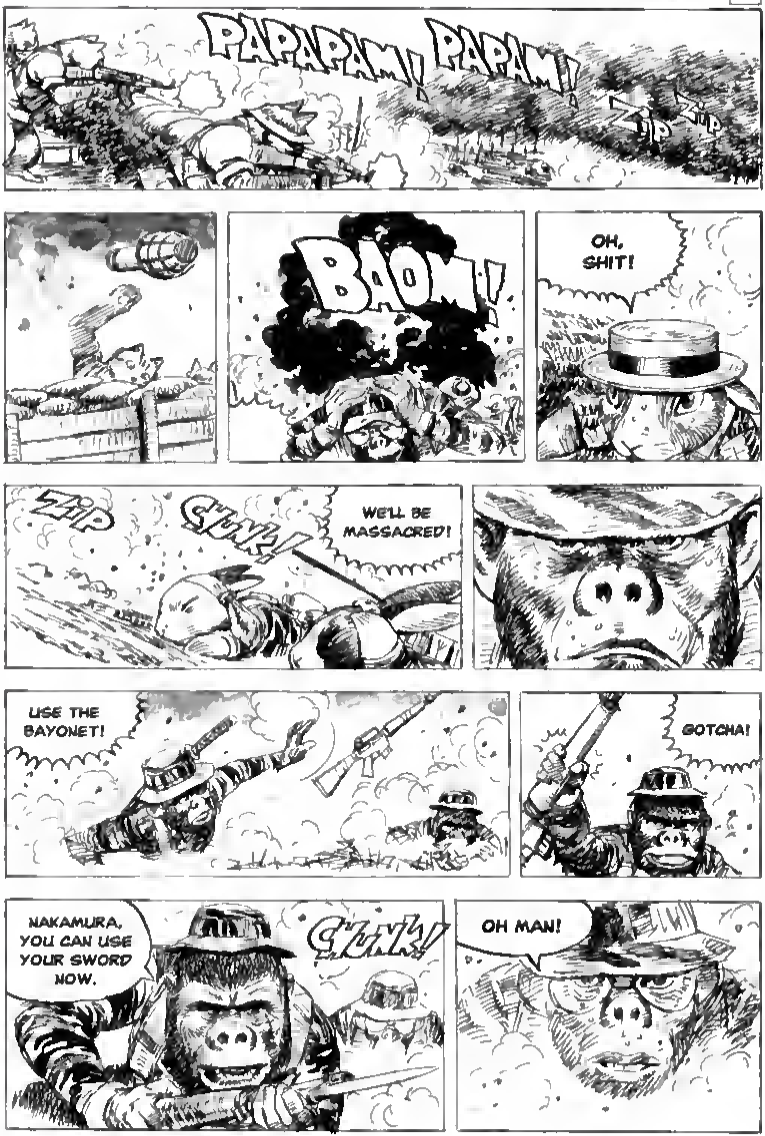
ZIP
CLINK!


PAPAPAM! PAPAM!
ZIP ZIP
BAOM!
OH, SHIT!
ZIP
GYAK!
WE'LL BE MASSACRED!
USE THE BAYONET!
GOTCHA!
NAKAMURA, YOU CAN USE YOUR SWORD NOW.
GYAK!
OH MAN!

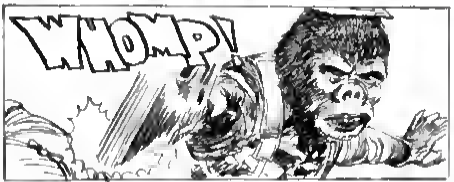
CHARGE!
GAAARGH!
AIEEE!
ZIP
ZIP
CHARGE!
CLANG!
MEOW!
TOTOTONK!
CHARGE!
HYAAA!
GAAAGH!
KLANG!

TOTONK!
CHNK!

ZIP
ZIP
CHEENK!
PAM! PAPAM!
ZIP

OH MY GOD!

YEEARGH!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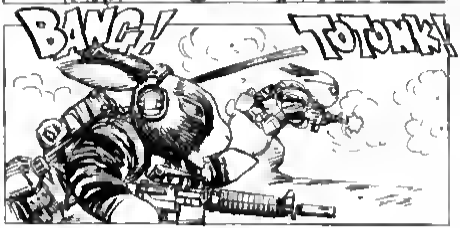
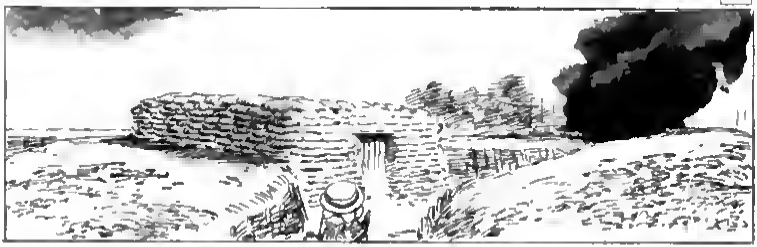

BANG!
TOTONK!

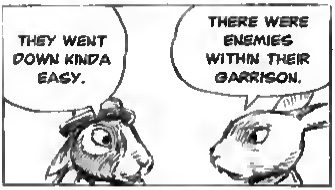
Chieu hoi = An "open arms" program–promising clemency and financial aid to Viet Cong and NVA soldiers and cadres who stopped fighting and returned to South Vietnamese government authority

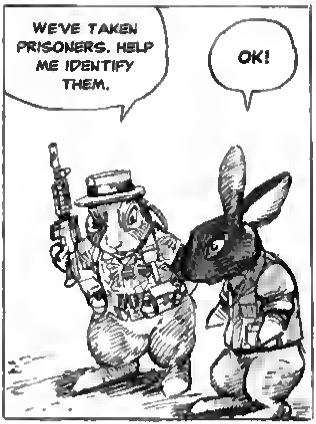


IT'S THE CAVALRY TO THE RESCUE!

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YA.

I THOUGHT WE MIGHT END UP IN CHINA!


THEY WENT DOWN KINDA EASY.
THERE WERE ENEMIES WITHIN THEIR GARRISON.


WE'VE TAKEN PRISONERS. HELP ME IDENTIFY THEM.
OK!

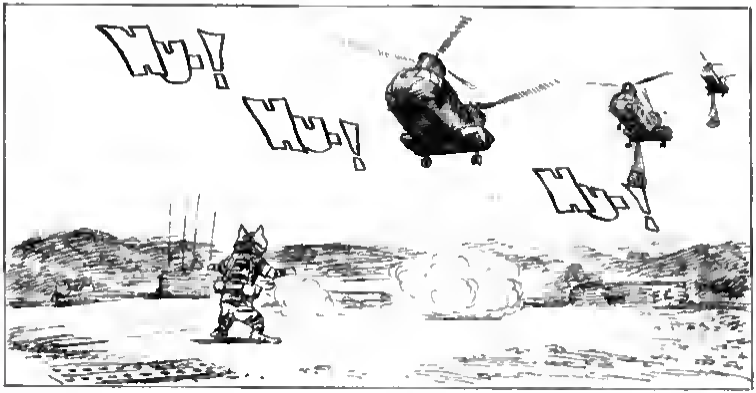
NAKAMURA!
HE MAY HAVE BOUGHT IT.

NAKAMURA!
I'M HERE, SIR!

WHERE WERE YOU, NAKAMURA?
MY BACK HURTS...
WHICH ONE?
LET ME HAVE IT.
SURE.
TOTOTOK!
YOU'RE A TOTAL WASTE OF FLESH!
TOTOTOK!
PERKY, EXECUTING THEM AIN'T COOL.
BOTASKI, THE WAR IN LAOS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS.

THE MAIN FORCE HERE IS THE HMONGS. THEY'RE ANTI-COMMUNISTS THE CIA RECRUITED.
THEY'RE BEIN' USED TO FIGHT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND THE COMMUNIST LAOTIANS.

WAR'S TRAGIC.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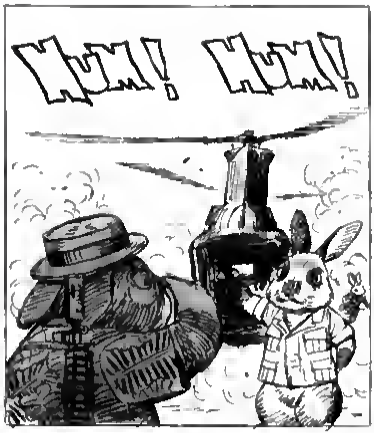
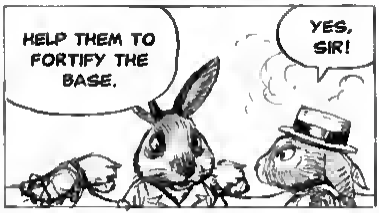

HUM! HUM!

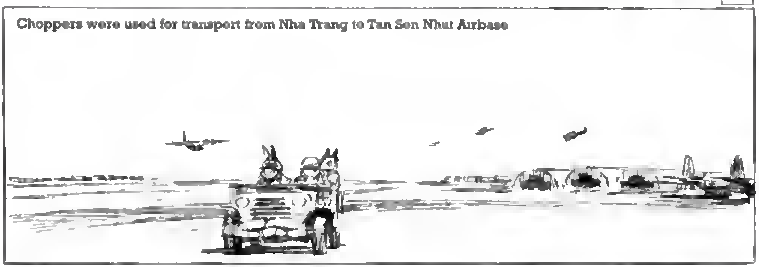
NICE WORK YOU'RE LOOKING ALL RIGHT.
WELL, IT WASN'T THAT EASY.

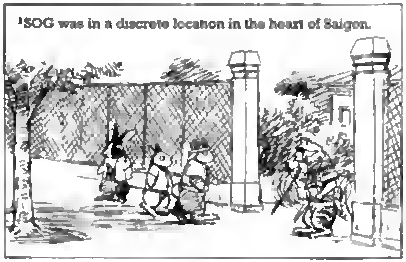

HELP THEM TO FORTIFY THE BASE.
YES, SIR!

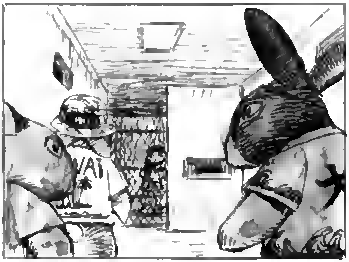
WELL, I'LL BE SEEIN' YA!
THANK YOU!
TAKE CARE!
BYE!
HUM HUM
BA! BA!
I'LL GO REPORT IN AT HEAD-QUARTERS
GO TAKE A REST.
I'M GONNA DROP OFF THE PRC.
THANK YOU, SIR!

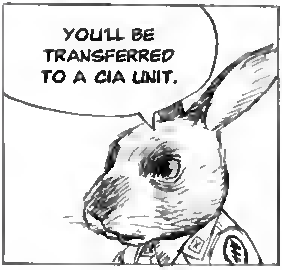
GRUMBLE, GRUMBLE.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE.
IN THE TRAINING UNIT, I WAS RESPECTED LIKE A GOD.
I COULD GET A FULL NIGHT'S SLEEP
THERE WAS PLENTY OF FOOD TO EAT.
HERE, IT'S HOT AND HUMID EVERY DAY.
DAMN SATOH...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
twitch!
YOU DON'T LIKE ME, HUH?
NO, IT'S-
One of these days I'll KILL him!

MISSION: 16
Mission: Infiltrate the CIA
CHANGE INTO YOUR CIVVIES, GUYS.
WHEN DID YOU GET BACK, PERKY?
HEH HEH. WE GONNA HAVE SOME FUN?
SOG SAIGON WANTS US.
WE'RE LEAVING NOW, CAPTAIN IKEDA.
I'M SORRY TO SEE YOU GO, CAPTAIN.
BYE LT. SATOH.
GOOD LUCK!
.....
DON'T SCREW UP, APE!
HMPH!
DUMB-ASS!
YOU REALLY DON'T LIKE HIM, DO YOU?
HE FRICKIN' STINKS.



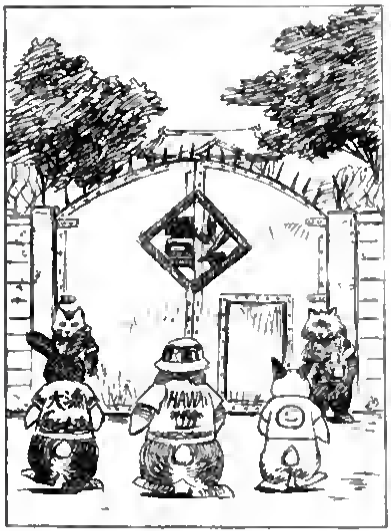


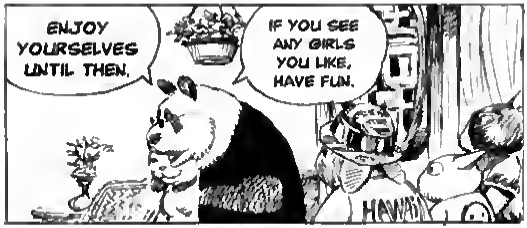




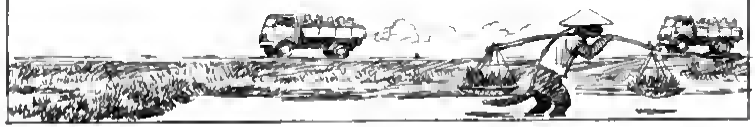
[1] SOG = Special Operations Group

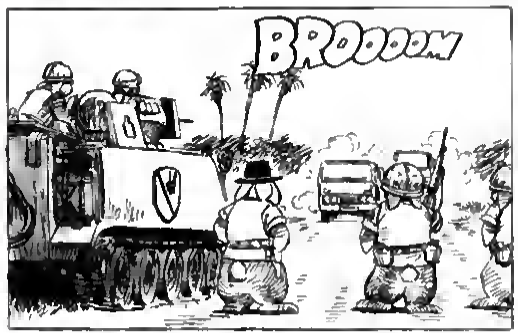
The Cholon District is located in the western part of Saigon and was off-limits to U.S soldiers at all times. It was overrun with deserters and criminals, and was also a hiding place for Viet Cong. Most of its residents were Chinese. There were also anti-communist forces in Cholon.





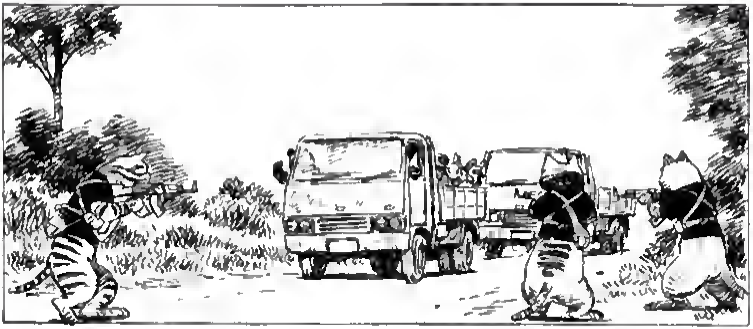
They set off north two days later, in the early morning. Though their leader was Chinese, the multi-national group also consisted of Vietnamese, French, Australians, and even Japanese. "Parrot's Beak" is a region along the Cambodian border north of Saigon. It was a dangerous conflict zone.





DAMN, IT'S A CHECKPOINT.
SERGEANT, IS THIS THAT CONVOY?
THEY'RE THE ONES THE MP INFORMED US ABOUT. I'M SURE OF IT, SIR.
HEY, PERKY, IT'S THAT MAJOR FROM THE FIRST CAVALRY!
OH, THAT GUY...
MAJOR, I HAVE AN OFFICIAL PASS.
TO HELL WITH THAT! WE'RE CHECKING FOR DESERTERS.
MAJOR, WE FOUND 'EM.
ARREST THEM, LIEUTENANT!
YES, SIR!
WELL, WELL, WELL, LOOK WHO WE HAVE HERE.
WE'RE CONDUCTING A SECRET MISSION.
PLEASE CONFIRM VIA CHANNEL 2, CODE 7.
WHAT? IF I FIND YOU'RE LYING, YOU'LL PAY.

THEIR COMING THROUGH, MAJOR!
HAND IT OVER.
THIS IS MAJOR ELMORE, OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION, 5TH RABBIT FORCE.
MAJOR ELMORE, THIS IS A HIGHLY CLASSIFIED MISSION.
IF YOU DON'T WITHDRAW NOW, YOUR CAREER WILL BE IN JEOPARDY!
LET 'EM GO! MOVE ON!
SHIT! I WON'T FORGET THIS
Our convoy approached Parrot's Beak, and we found ourselves deep in enemy territory



PERKY! THEY'RE VCS.
!
THEY'RE GONNA KILL ME, MA!

TAKE IT EASY.

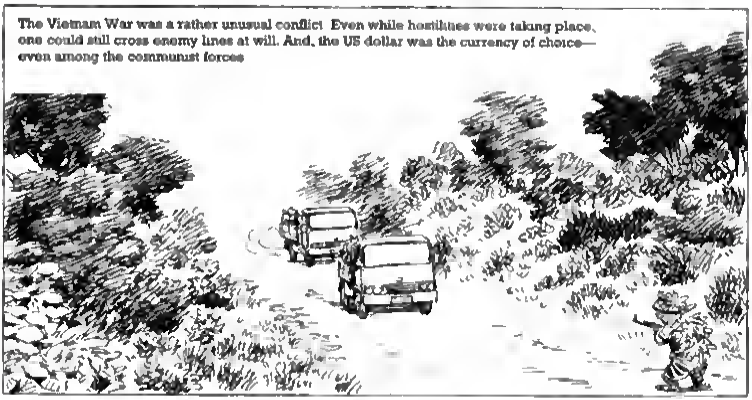
HE PAYS THE TOLL, SO WE'RE FRIENDS.
I'M TYLER.

PUT THE BLACK PJ'S ON, SO YOU'LL LOOK LIKE VCS.
THEN WE'LL ALL BE PALS.

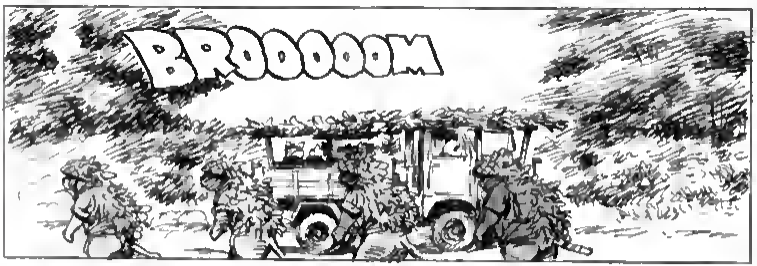
SO WHERE'RE WE GOIN'?

HAR HAR HAR!
YOU MEAN YOU CAME ON THIS MISSION WITHOUT KNOWING?

The Vietnam War was a rather unusual conflict. Even while hostilities were taking place, one could still cross enemy lines at will. And, the US dollar was the currency of choice—even among the communist forces



YOU'RE JAPANESE, RIGHT?
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
TYLER, WHO'S THAT JAPANESE?
HE'S WITH THE RIGHT-WINGERS. I'LL BET HE'S USING AN ALIAS.
DON'T STICK YOUR NOSE IN IT. THEY'LL KILL YA.
TIME TO EAT.



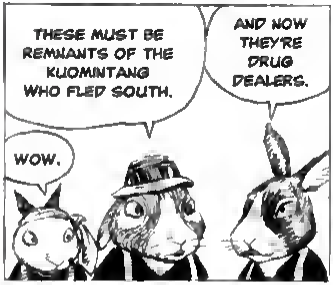
[1] FAC = Forward Air Controller a person who coordinates air strikes

[2] *Triple canopy* = Thick jungle with three layers of tree growth

BRRROOM
MAN, WE'VE COME REALLY FAR
WATCH OUT FOR BANDITS.
BROOOM
STOP!

WHO THE HELL ARE THEY?
THEY'RE KUOMINTANG WE'VE ARRIVED.

WHAT THE HELL'S KUOMIN-TANG?
CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S CHINESE NATIONALIST PARTY. THEY FLED TO TAIWAN.


THESE MUST BE REMNANTS OF THE KUOMINTANG WHO FLED SOUTH.
AND NOW THEY'RE DRUG DEALERS.
WOW.

CARRY THESE, EVERYONE!

IS THE MONEY ALL IN U.S. DOLLARS?
30,000 DOLLARS ALL THERE.
BRING US QUALITY GOODS

AREN'T YOU GOING TO TAIWAN?
I CAN GET YOU SAFE PASSAGE.

WE CAN FIGHT THE WAR HERE.
HAVE A SAFE TRIP. WE'LL SEE YOU.

BUDOO.

BANDITS. THE VC, THE NVA AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE...THEY'RE ALL AFTER IT.

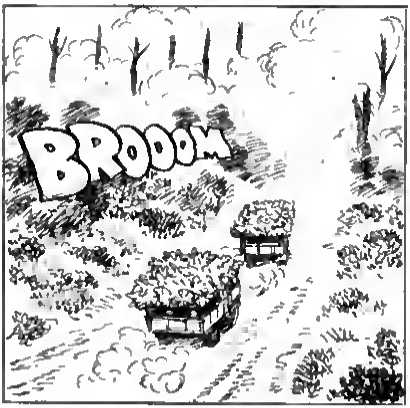
THIS HEROIN'S WORTH A LOT.

BRROOM
HALT!

THE AMERICAN DEVILS ARE ATTACKING.
WAIT HERE, OR TAKE ANOTHER ROAD!

DOM DOM DOM
ZUVO ZUVO

IT'S ARC LIGHT.
YEP. CARPET BOMBING...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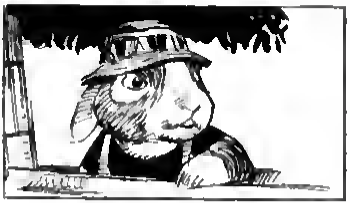
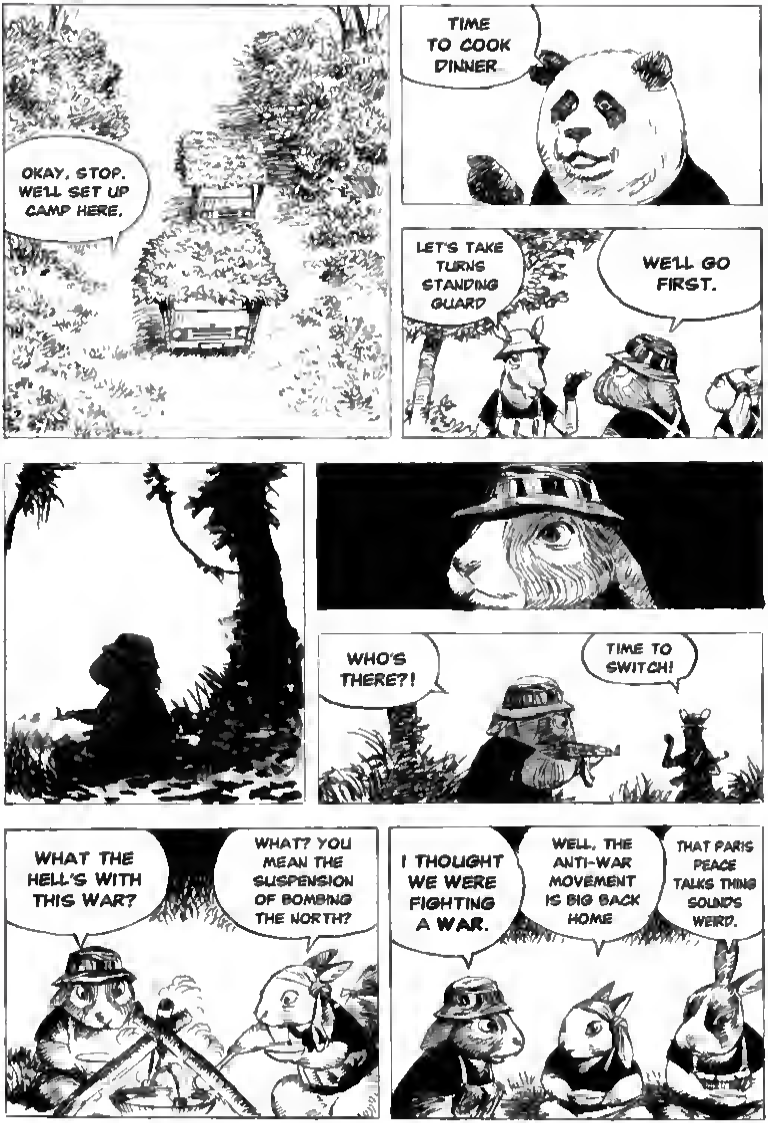
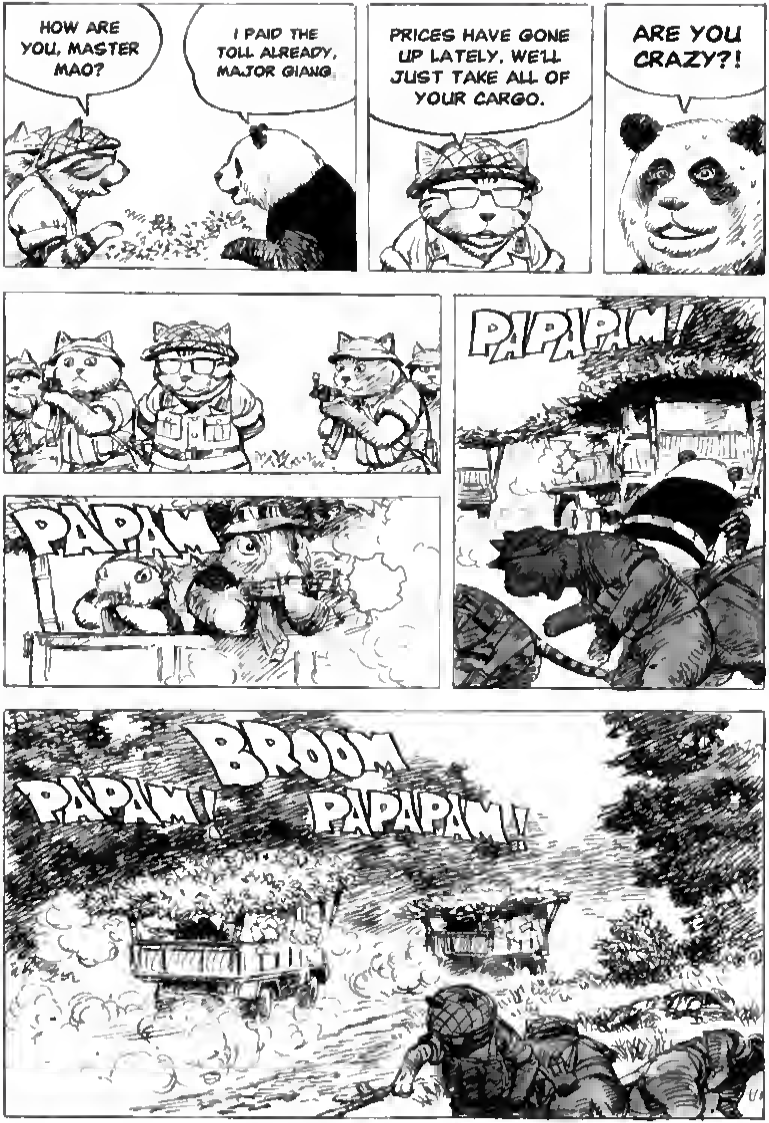
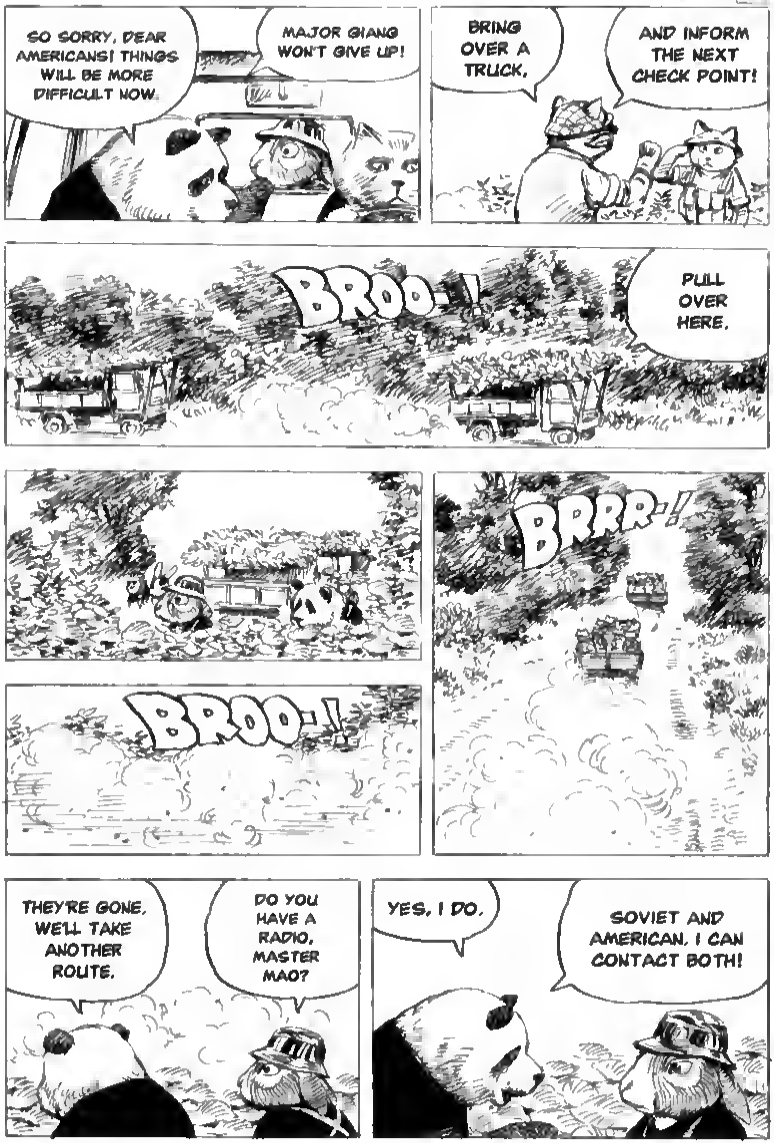



OKAY, STOP. WE'LL SET UP CAMP HERE.
TIME TO COOK DINNER
LET'S TAKE TURNS STANDING GUARD
WE'LL GO FIRST.
WHO'S THERE?!
TIME TO SWITCH!
WHAT THE HELL'S WITH THIS WAR?
WHAT? YOU MEAN THE SUSPENSION OF BOMBING THE NORTH?
I THOUGHT WE WERE FIGHTING A WAR.
WELL, THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT IS BIG BACK HOME
THAT PARIS PEACE TALKS THING SOUNDS WEIRD.

THERE'S NO CHANCE OF US WINNING WITHOUT BOMBING HANOI.
WE CAN'T GO NORTH BEYOND THE 17TH PARALLEL. THAT'S MESSED UP.
I HEARD THAT SEXY JANE FONDA CAME TO HANOI. YOUR COUNTRY IS STRANGE.
HAR HAR HAR!
THIS WAR IS FOR EVERYONE TO GET RICH.
IT'S A NO-NO TO DIE FOR POLITICS.
BROOOM!
STOP HERE!
HERE COMES MAJOR QIANG.


HOW ARE YOU, MASTER MAO?
I PAID THE TOLL ALREADY, MAJOR QIANG.
PRICES HAVE GONE UP LATELY. WE'LL JUST TAKE ALL OF YOUR CARGO.
ARE YOU CRAZY?!
PAPAPAM!
PAPAM
BROOM
PAPAM!
PAPAPAM!


SO SORRY, DEAR AMERICANS! THINGS WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT NOW.
MAJOR GIANG WON'T GIVE UP!
BRING OVER A TRUCK.
AND INFORM THE NEXT CHECK POINT!
BROO-!
PULL OVER HERE.
BRRR-!
BROO-!
THEY'RE GONE, WE'LL TAKE ANOTHER ROUTE.
DO YOU HAVE A RADIO, MASTER MAO?
YES, I DO.
SOVIET AND AMERICAN. I CAN CONTACT BOTH!

DON'T WORRY, YOUNG MAN. I HAVE MANY FRIENDS
YOU GOING TO CALL THE AIR FORCE OR SOMETHIN'?
IF WE WERE CLOSER, WE COULD CALL FOR A CHOPPER.
BUT WE'RE TOO FAR.
DID YOU GET SANTE?
YES, MASTER MAO.
BROOM!

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NOW, DON'T MOVE. JUST A LITTLE LONGER

HUH?!
HMM. YOU'RE TALENTED.

WOW, HE LIKED IT!

good
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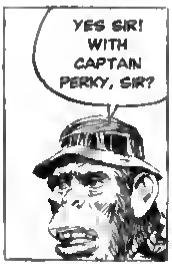
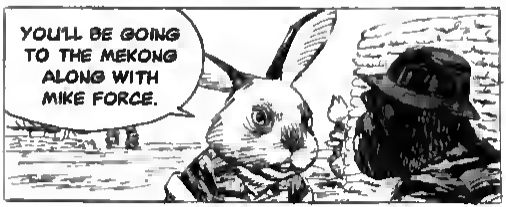
CAPTAIN IKEDA!
LIEUTENANT, SIR!

YOU READY FOR BATTLE?

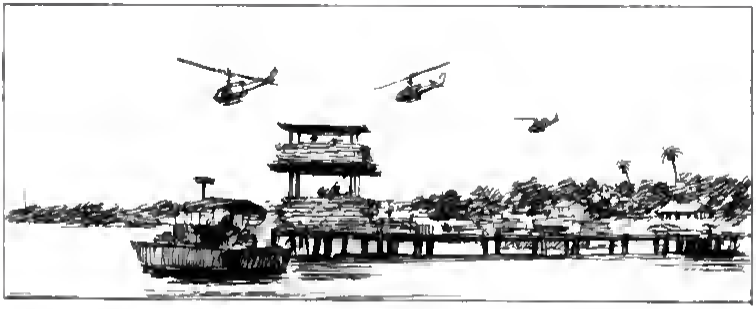

YES SIR! WITH CAPTAIN PERKY, SIR?


YOU'LL BE GOING TO THE MEKONG ALONG WITH MIKE FORCE.

HUH? THE MEKONG?

POM POM POM
LOOK! THAT'S MY NAVY.
THAT'S THE COMMUNISTS' FLAG.
QUIET!
COME ON OUT, SANTE!

HOW ARE THINGS?
FINE. YOU LOOK ALL RIGHT YOURSELF.
WHAT'VE YA GOT?
THE USUAL STUFF.
HOW ABOUT ONE?
FORGET IT! I NEED TWO.
PRICES ARE GOING UP, THANKS TO THIS WAR.
GREEDY BASTARD! FINE, WE'LL GIVE YOU TWO. DOCK THE BOAT.
LOAD THEM UP, EVERY-ONE.
YOU WANT ME TO SET UP ANY TRAPS, MASTER MAO?
OF COURSE! I WON'T GIVE AWAY MY TRUCKS FOR FREE!
THAT'S DANGEROUS. WHAT IF A CHILD...
SHADDUP! WE'VE GOTTA DO IT.



A HOUSEBOAT? PRETTY SNAZZY!
GET ONBOARD.

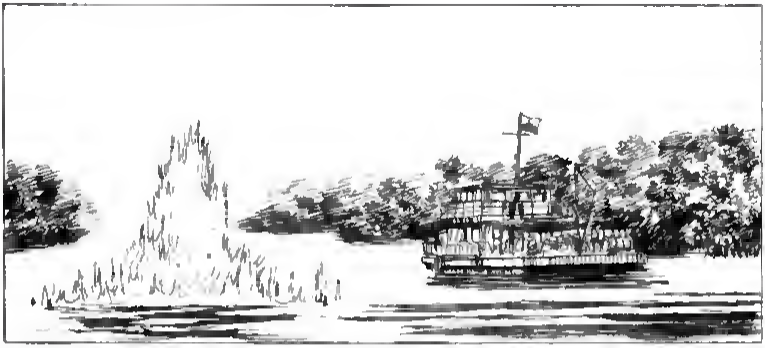
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE GOOD AT SWIMMING?

HUH?!

GET ON, NAKAMURA!
I CAN'T SWIM.

POM POM POM

HA HA HA HA!
SANTE'S A HERO FROM THE INDO-CHINA WAR.
THAT'S HO CHI MINH...
TURN THE PICTURE OVER, AND TAKE A LOOK.
IT'S PRESIDENT JOHNSON.
YOU KNOW HOW TO GET AROUND!
HEH HEH MONEY TALKS.
DOM!
PINK!



THE ENEMY!

NO, NO. THEY'RE FRIENDS.

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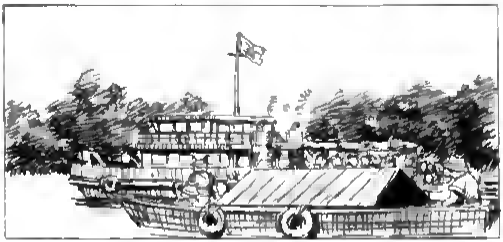
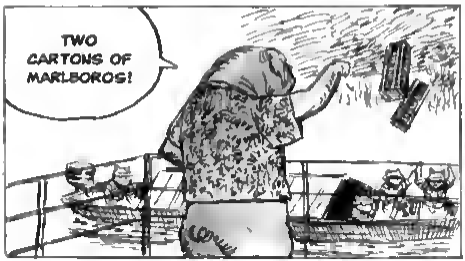
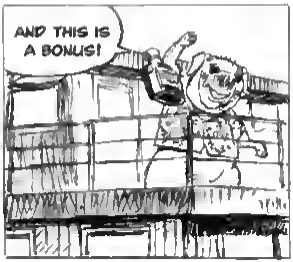


DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE TOLL, NOW!


TWO CARTONS OF MARLBOROS!


AND THIS IS A BONUS!

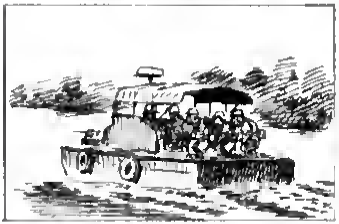
THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU!
THE VIET CONG'S WAITING IN AMBUSH 10 KM AHEAD.
MERCI, CAPTAIN!
I'LL BRING BACK SOME EXPENSIVE WINE NEXT TIME.
POM POM POM
SANTE, THAT VC YOUR FRIEND?
THEY'RE WAITING FOR YOU.
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN, AMERICANS.
OKAY!
TAKE WHAT YOU NEED FROM THAT BOX.
WHOA!

DON'T FAIL!
HOPE HE DOESN'T LEAVE US BEHIND.
WE'VE GOTTA TRUST HIM.
LET'S GO DOWN-STREAM.
ROGER!

FIRST THE RPGS, THEN M60S.
RIGHT!
Qu, Qu,
DO!
BOOM!
SHIIII

DOKO!!
MEOW!
MEOW!
KTOWKTOWKTOWKTOW
WHY AIN'T IT BLOWIN' UP?
I FORGOT TO TAKE THE SAFETY OFF!
KUM
OKAY, IT'S OFF.
DON'T SHOOT, PERKY!
THE VCS RAN OFF.
WHAT?!

POM POM POM
WAY TO GO, YANKS!
NO BIG DEAL.
HA HA HA!
IT'S A WEIRD WAR. EVERYONE IS IN IT FOR THE MONEY.
THE AMERICANS SURE AREN'T IN IT FOR FREEDOM, EITHER!
SOME SAY THEY'RE AFTER THE OIL IN CAM RANH BAY.
HEY, AMERICAN, CAN YOU CALL IN FOR AN ESCORT?
WHY, CERTAINLY.

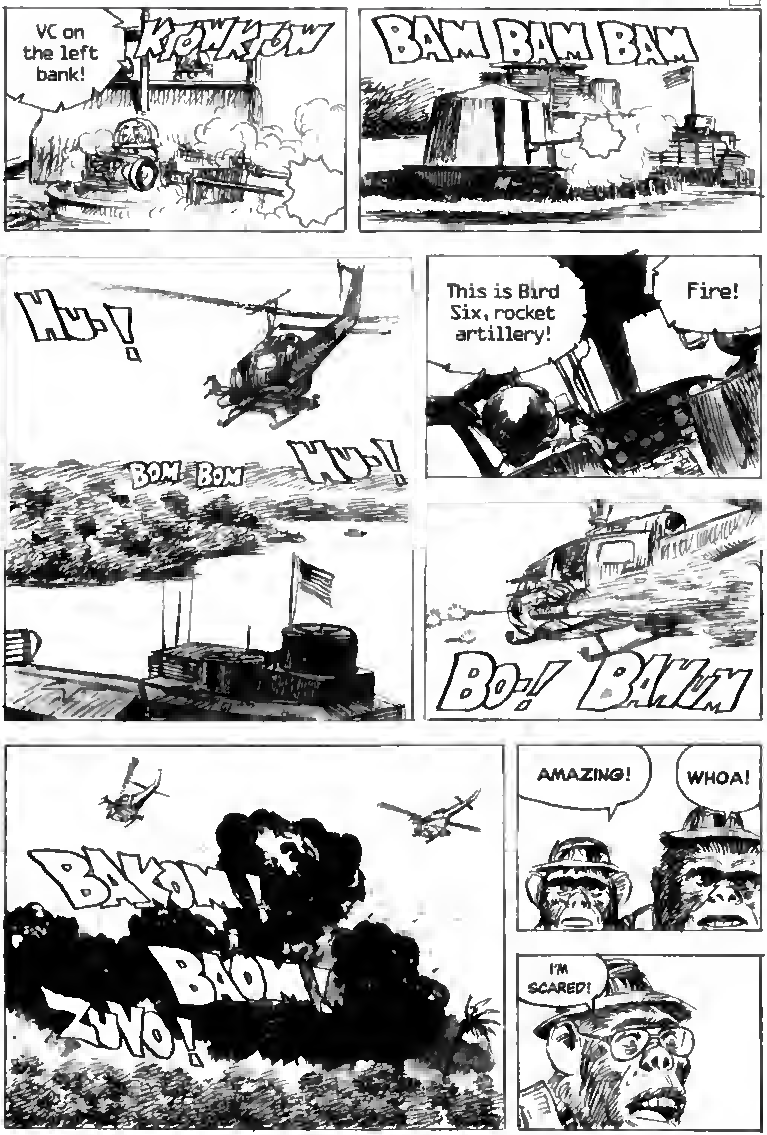


THAT'S ONE HUGE FLEET, CAPTAIN IKEDA!
THEY CALL IT THE BROWN WATER NAVY.
OH!

BA-UM!

AIEE!

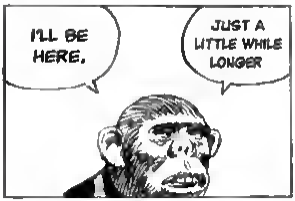
BOM!


VC on the left bank!
KRAK-KOW
BAM BAM BAM
HUP!
BOM BOM
HUP!
This is Bird Six, rocket artillery!
Fire!
BO-!
BAM
BA-KOM
BAOM
ZUKO!
AMAZING!
WHOA!
I'M SCARED!

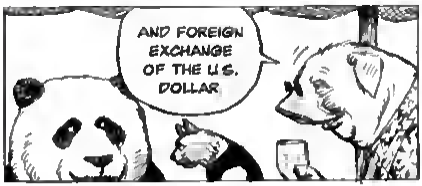
POM POM
DOM DOM-M

I HEAR FIGHTING. SOUNDS FAR OFF, THOUGH.
PERKY, THIS IS GOOD STUFF!

WHATCHA GONNA DO WITH THE MONEY YOU MAKE?


I'LL BE HERE.
JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER

WAR IS GOOD BUSINESS.
DRUG SMUGGLING, DIVERTING MILITARY WEAPONS, UNDERGROUND BANKS...

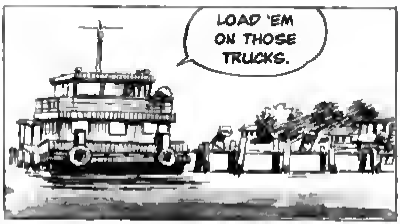

AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE OF THE U.S. DOLLAR

I SEND MY MONEY TO TAIWAN.
OUR UNDER-GROUND BANK IS CHEAP AND EFFICIENT.

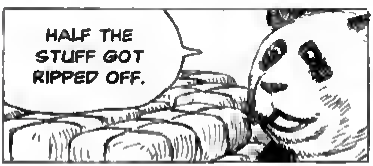
HA HA HA HA!

POM POM POM

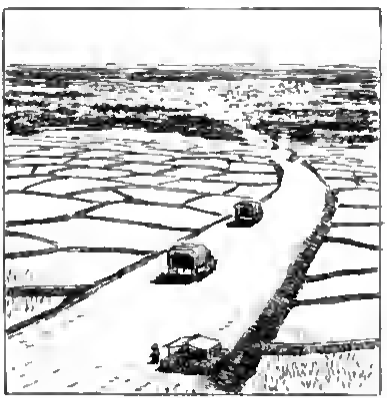
I DRAW ATTENTION IN TOWN, SO I GET OFF HERE. MY TRUCKS ARE WAITING.
OKAY. WE'LL DOCK.

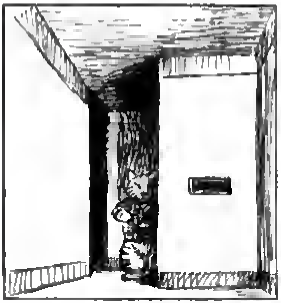

LOAD 'EM ON THOSE TRUCKS.

BROOOOM

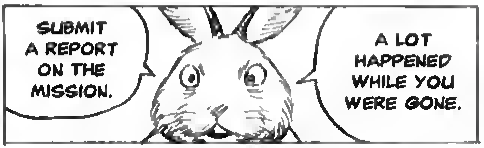

HALF THE STUFF GOT RIPPED OFF.

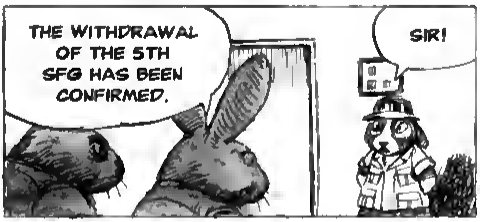
COME WORK FOR ME AFTER THE WAR.
I APPRE-CIATE IT.



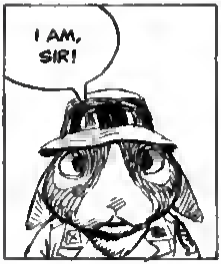


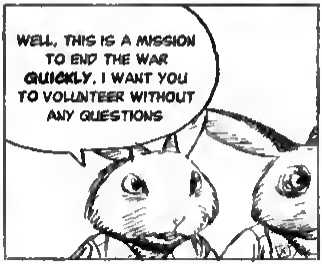
GOOD WORK, CAPTAIN PERKINS.
THANK YOU, SIR!


SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE MISSION.
A LOT HAPPENED WHILE YOU WERE GONE.


THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE 5TH SFG HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.
SIR!

AND I'M SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE PUSH FOR WITHDRAWAL AT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS.


I AM, SIR!


WELL, THIS IS A MISSION TO END THE WAR QUICKLY. I WANT YOU TO VOLUNTEER WITHOUT ANY QUESTIONS

I VOLUNTEER, SIR!

MISSION: 17
Nuclear Landmine
OUR [1]SADM TARGET IS MU GIA PASS. IT'S AN ENTRY POINT TO THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL.
NORTH VIETNAM
LAOS
17°
LAND
CAMBOD
REPUBLIC VIETNAM
THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT ON THEIR OWN, EVEN AFTER WE WITHDRAW.
THE TOP BRASS HAVE DETERMINED THAT CUTTING OFF THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL IS THE KEY TO ENDING THIS WAR.
HAVE THE ALLIED FORCES APPROVED USING NUCLEAR WEAPONS?
THIS MATTER IS BEING KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, EVEN FROM OUR ALLIES.
THIS IS GOING TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE, MAJOR.
PERSONALLY, I AM AGAINST IT, BUT THOSE ARE THE ORDERS, PERKINS.
UNDERSTOOD, SIR. I'LL CARRY THEM OUT.
.....
UNDER-STOOD!

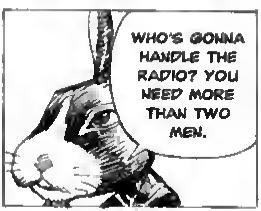
[1]*SADM* = Special Atomic Demolition Munition is a lightweight portable nuclear weapon

BOTASKI, ARE YOU QUALIFIED FOR SPECIAL OPS?
WHAT?

HOW ABOUT AIRBORNE?

NOPE. THIS'LL BE MY FIRST.

BOTASKI, YOU CAN'T DO IT!
YOU MUST'VE GONE THROUGH SHORT TRAINING, HUH?
HEY, I'M A TEAM MEMBER, TOO.


WHO'S GONNA HANDLE THE RADIO? YOU NEED MORE THAN TWO MEN.

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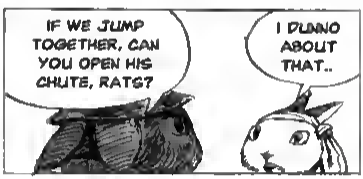

IF WE JUMP TOGETHER, CAN YOU OPEN HIS CHUTE, RATS?
I DUNNO ABOUT THAT..

London, England

10 Downing Street

MR. PRIME MINISTER...

THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD. IT WOULD START WWIII.
THIS IS A CRISIS FOR NATO!

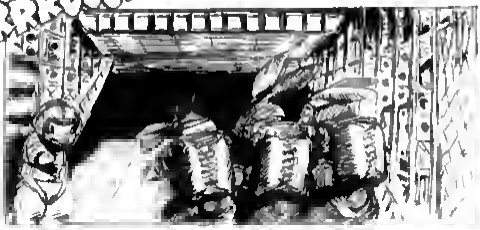
I'VE ALREADY TAKEN ACTION. THE SAS WILL...

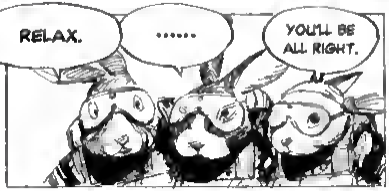
THOSE COWBOYS ARE TROUBLE.

VVRRRRRROOOOOM

BZZZZZ

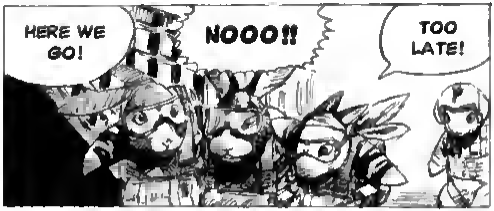
ONE MINUTE BEFORE WE JUMP.
WUEEEE



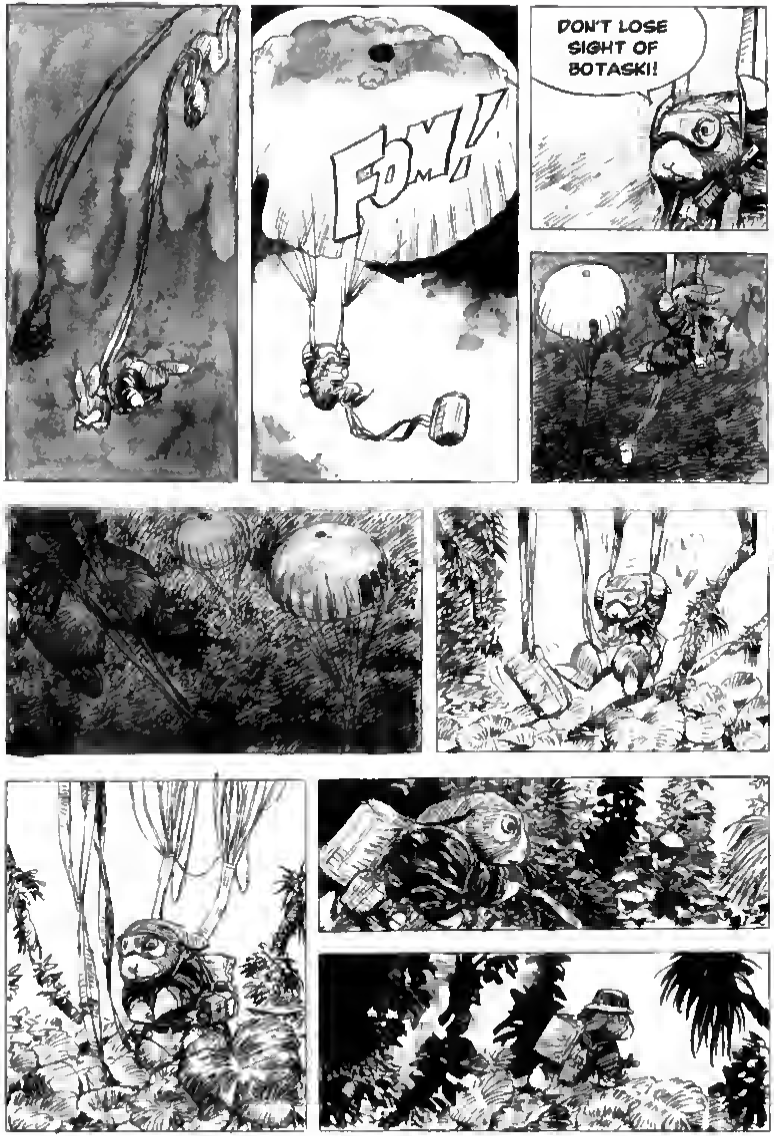

RELAX.
.....
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

GOO--

I'M SCARED! I AIN'T DOIN' IT!

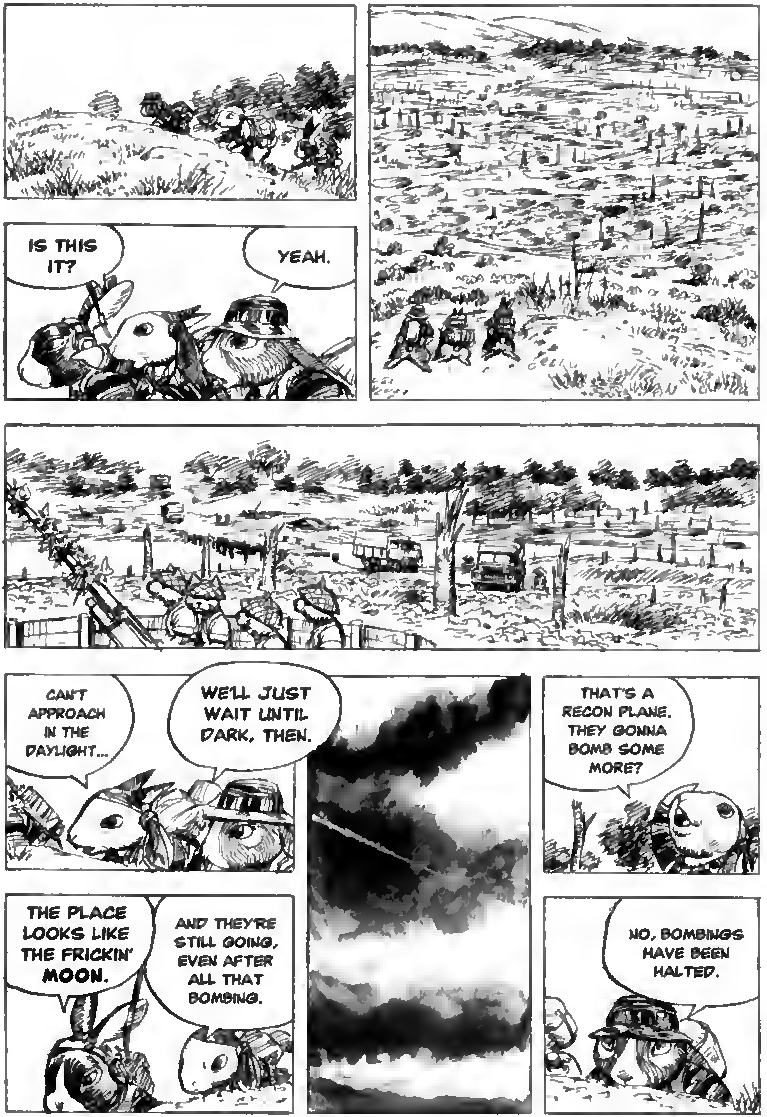

HERE WE GO!
NOOO!!
TOO LATE!

YAAAUGH!!
VROOM!!
VRROOOM
SPREAD OUT NOW!

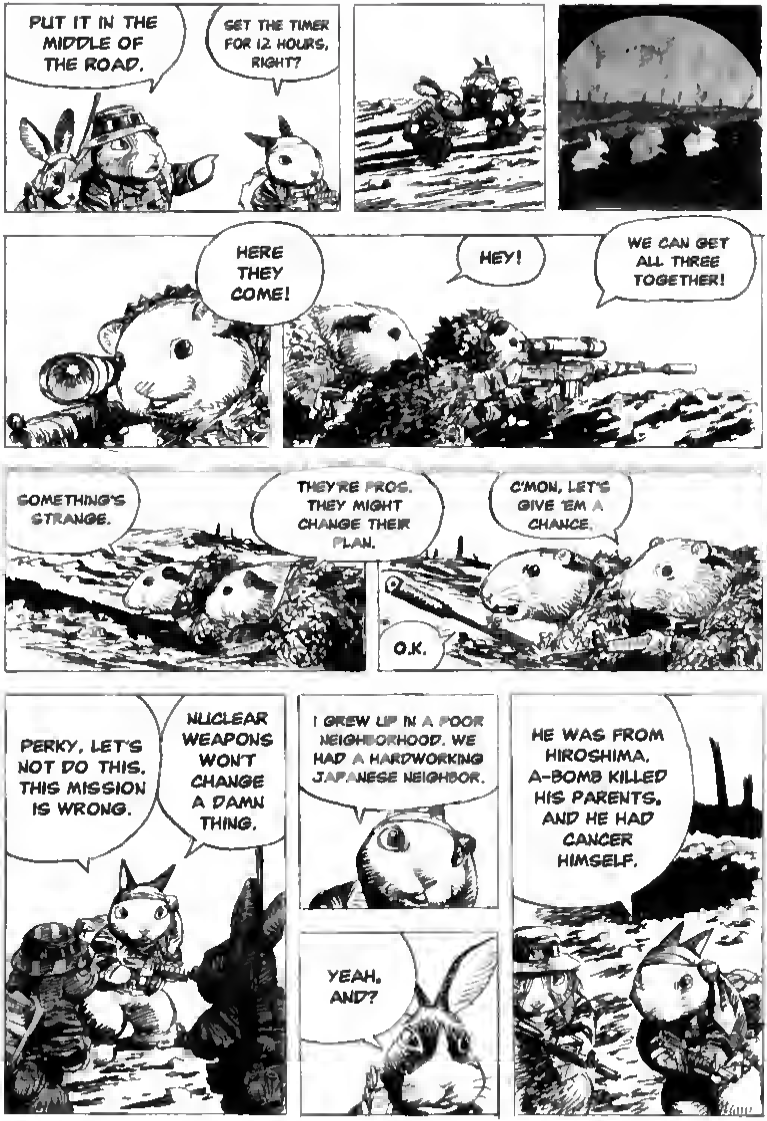

FOM!
DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF BOTASKI!

YOU ALL RIGHT?
BOTA WAS KNOCKED OUT.
NO MORE JUMPING FOR ME.
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE, QUICK.
RATS, YOU'RE THE POINT MAN.
PISSED MY DAMN PANTS...
ROGER!
LET'S SET UP CAMP HERE FOR TODAY.
WE'LL TAKE TURNS ON WATCH AFTER WE EAT.
WILL THE SADMS MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE? HANOI'S MORE IMPORTANT!
THEN WE'LL BLOW THE BASTARDS AWAY.
TOMORROW WE'LL CONTINUE TOWARDS OUR OBJECTIVE.
ONCE WE SET THE TIMER, WE'RE OUTTA THERE.
THE TOP BRASS MADE THE DECISION.

BOTA, IT'S TIME TO REPORT IN.
ROGER!
ZZZZZ
!
WHAT'S WRONG, PERKY?
VC'S?
I FEEL SOMEONE WATCHING US.
IF THEY'RE NORTH VIETNAMESE, THEY'D BE SHOOTIN' BY NOW
THAT'S TRUE.


IS THIS IT?
YEAH.
CAN'T APPROACH IN THE DAYLIGHT...
WE'LL JUST WAIT UNTIL DARK, THEN.
THAT'S A RECON PLANE. THEY GONNA BOMB SOME MORE?
THE PLACE LOOKS LIKE THE FRICKIN' MOON.
AND THEY'RE STILL GOING, EVEN AFTER ALL THAT BOMBING.
NO. BOMBINGS HAVE BEEN HALTED.

BROOOO...
JUST YOU GOOKS WAIT. WE'RE GONNA BLOW YOU UP!
THIS MISSION'S POINTLESS.
WHADDYA TALKIN' ABOUT, RATS?
THIS IS A CIVIL WAR, AND NO ONE CAN STOP IT.
ENOUGH, RATS.
BOTASKI, CALL IN TO REPORT.
They have cute butts.
PERKY HAS A CUTE BUTT.
ROGER!
THIS IS CAT SHIT ONE. BUNNIES ARE CUTE.
OKAY...

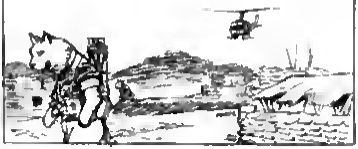

PUT IT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.
GET THE TIMER FOR 12 HOURS, RIGHT?
HERE THEY COME!
HEY!
WE CAN GET ALL THREE TOGETHER!
SOMETHING'S STRANGE.
THEY'RE PROS. THEY MIGHT CHANGE THEIR PLAN.
C'MON, LET'S GIVE 'EM A CHANCE.
O.K.
PERKY, LET'S NOT DO THIS. THIS MISSION IS WRONG.
NUCLEAR WEAPONS WON'T CHANGE A DAMN THING.
I GREW UP IN A POOR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE HAD A HARDWORKING JAPANESE NEIGHBOR.
YEAH, AND?
HE WAS FROM HIROSHIMA. A-BOMB KILLED HIS PARENTS, AND HE HAD CANCER HIMSELF.

WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THERE'S NO TURNING BACK.
CUT THE BULLSHIT! WHAT THE HELL DID WE COME HERE FOR?
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO STOP THE COMMUNIST INVASION.
BOTASKI, NO ONE CAN STOP IT NOW.
IT'S INEVITABLE. JUST LIKE THE END OF SLAVERY WAS.
NO, IT'S NOT!
.....
NO WAY!
BOTASKI, PUT THE GUN DOWN.
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR US TO DO. LET'S JUST GO HOME.
.....
GREAT! THEY'RE LEAVING.
PATROL AT 3 O'CLOCK.
THEY'LL RUN INTO OUR FRIENDS.
NOT GOOD.

THE ENEMY!
!
THEY'RE LYING OVER THERE. AIN'T MOVIN' AT ALL.
ARE THEY ASLEEP?
ALL 4 KILLED WITH ONE SHOT EACH.
WHO DID IT?
WHO CARES? LET'S GO.
OKAY.
P-K-M
BOTASKI, CALL IN TO REPORT. MISSION FAILED, REQUEST URGENT EVAC.
ROGER! YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
This is Cat Shit One! The bunny has fallen.
THEY SAID ABORT MISSION.

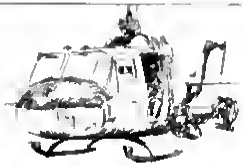
Cat Shit One returned via the CIA base in Laos.

SOG-FOB (Special Operations Group – Forward Operations Base)



GUNSHIP

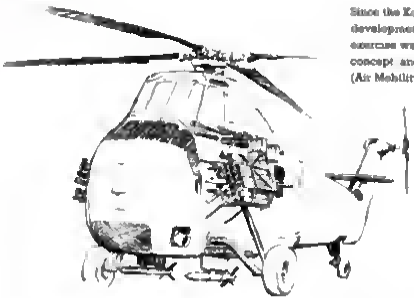
ATTACK HELICOPTERS

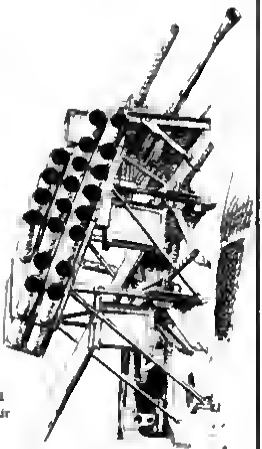


The first time helicopters were used in combat was during the Korean War (1950-1953) They were mainly used in medevac missions and for transport In the early days of the war the Bell H 13 was used.

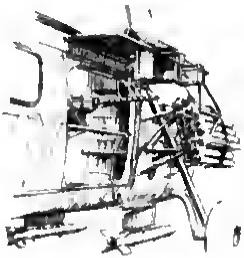
The tactical application of the helicopter was first introduced by the British Military in Borneo to combat communist insurgents The Westland Wessex Mk.1 was used in combat and for the transportation of the Recon Team (SAS) and supplies.

Since the Korean War the U.S. Army and Marines continued joint development of tactics and training utilizing helicopters. Their first exercise was the "sky cavalry" in 1955 This led to the "air mobility" concept and 10 years later, culminated in the First Cavalry Division (Air Mobility)





The development of the attack helicopter by the U.S Army started in 1956.



The H-34 was heavily armed. Its fuselage was equipped with two 20 mm automatic machine guns, two 50 caliber M2 automatic machine guns, four .30 caliber light automatic machine guns, forty 2.5 inch FFAR rockets, and two 26 inch rockets. It also had one 50 caliber M2 automatic machine gun inside

The U.S. Army had not seriously pursued helicopter development; however the Air Force was nevertheless unhappy to see them produce an attack helicopter

The Armed/Armored "CH-47 Chinook A" prototype was designed in 1965. By the end of the year, four refined Chinooks were delivered to the US Army.

The proper name for the Armored "CH-47 Chinook" is the "CH-47 Chinook A", but soldiers referred to them as either "Guns-A-Go-Go" or "Go-Go Birds."

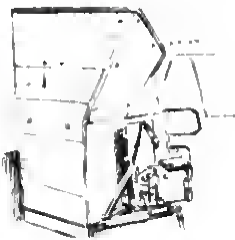
The CH-47 Chinook A was armed with a chin-mounted 40mm automatic grenade launcher, M24A1 20mm cannons and XM158 2.75 inch rocket launchers were mounted on both sides of the fuselage.

The cabin was armed with five M2 .50 caliber and M60D M2 machine guns.

The on-board ammunition alone weighed 1.5 tons.

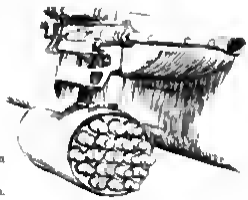
This heavily armed and armored "Go-Go Bird" and a flight duration of over 40 minutes, during which it could support evacuations or provide air cover, it was the only chopper to operate effectively in this capacity.

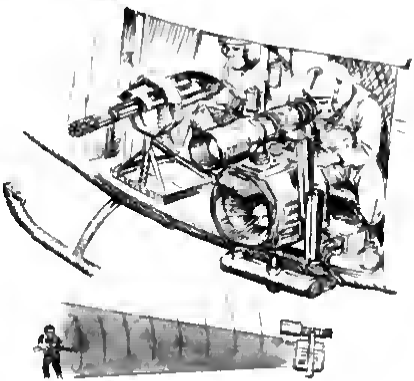
On May 8, 1967 a tragic accident occurred. A "Go-Go Bird" was lost when one of its 20 mm cannon forward-mounting pins came loose, permitting the weapon to rotate upward and fire into the forward rotor system. All eleven aboard were killed. Soon afterwards, the operation of the "Go-Go Birds" was halted and the AH-1G Huey Cobra attack helicopter was developed and deployed.



The picture on the left is a bullet proof pilot seat. Its sides and bottom were reinforced with lightweight steel armor board.

The picture on the right is a M24A1 20 mm cannon and an XM158 2.75 inch rocket launcher installed on a pylon.





Killer Hawk

The Nighthawk Huey was developed for use during night interdiction missions and was equipped with active night vision.

The night vision system aved in combination with a Minigun made controlled firing possible during night missions.

Because troops were able to fire weapons fiercely from an altitude of 400 to 500 meters, which was beyond the firing range of the Vietcong's (VC) weapons, some called the Huey "Killer Hawk." The striking power was extreme, and the VCs feared it tremendously.

Active Night Vision

A first generation night vision system, it consisted of a xenon infrared light source and sensors to capture and create images of reflected objects.

Attack Helicopter AH-1 Huey Cobra

It was first introduced into combat after successful missions in Bien Hoa on September 4th, in 1967. During a test flight, a Huey Cobra exchanged fire with a UH-1 Gunship and several VC sampans (wooden barges). The Cobra successfully sank a sampan with its rocket launcher and Minigun.

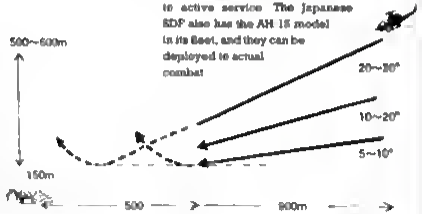
The Huey Cobra's most notable characteristic was its weapon system, which could be exchanged depending on the mission requirements. It could handle escort, ground support recon, and direct fire support operations. As an attack chopper, its survivability was excellent.

Even today, improved versions are still in active service. The Japanese SDF also has the AH-1S model in its fleet, and they can be deployed to actual combat.

Gun Run

Normally, gun runs were performed in tandem with the OH-6A Loach, a light reconnaissance chopper.

In a gun run, the choppers approached their target in one of three patterns, shallow (5° to 10°), medium (10° to 20°), or steep (20° to 30°). The shallow approaches were suited for broad, sweeping strikes, while the steep approaches were used for pin-point attacks.



Puff the Magic Dragon

The first Gunship developed by the Air Force was the "Shadow Gunship," a C-47 transport shown in the picture on the right.

Three gun pods, GAU-2A (7.62 mm Minigrune) were installed in the cabin, and each pod fired 2,000 to 6,000 rounds per minute.

Because the minute flash from its gun pods poured down onto the ground like a fire shower, it was nicknamed "Puff the Magic Dragon" after a popular song of the era. With the success of "Puff the Magic Dragon," the further development of the gunship began. The C-47's code name was "Spooky."

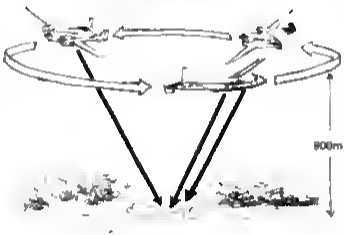
AC-130 Spectre Gunship

The AC-130 gunship was a converted C-130 transport developed during the Vietnam War. Used primarily for night attacks on ground targets, the Spectre was equipped with two 7.62 mm minigrune, two 20 mm Vulcan cannons, and two 40 mm Bofors cannons. The guns were operated by a gunnery officer via remote control.

All the weapons were installed on the left side of the fuselage. As a rule, all of the assaults on ground targets were executed while banking left. Some planes were also equipped with 105 mm anti-tank cannons mounted in the nose.

After further improvements, the AC-130 Spectre is still one of the toughest ground assault planes in use today.

Shadow Gunship Tactics

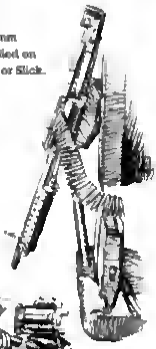


The earlier gunships had fixed gun pods, so the pilot had to keep his sights set on the target. By circling at an altitude of 900m, they were able to fire continuously on the target.

Bell Helicopter developed the armament system for the UH-1 armored helicopter (gunship) independently. It was used temporarily until the "Cobra" was combat-ready.

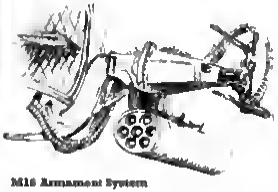
The UH 1B was used as a gunship mainly, but it was slow er than the UH-1D (Slick) troop transporter. The "Rattlers" were a platoon which transported troops using the UH 1D Slick, and the Gunship platoon was called the "Firebirds."

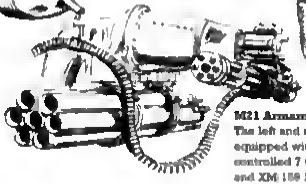
M23 Armament System
Consisted of an M60D 7 62mm machine gun and was installed on both sides of either a Huey or Slick.



M5 Armament System
Used a 40mm grenade launcher which was operated by the co-pilot.

M2 Armament System
2 75 inch Rocket Launcher



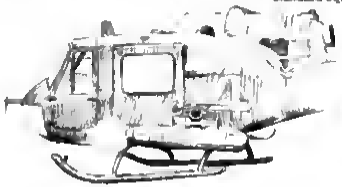


M21 Armament System
The left and right pylons were equipped with M134 remote controlled 7 62mm Miniguns and XM 159 2 75 inch rocket launchers. The M21 and M16 armament systems were the ones most commonly used for armored choppers.

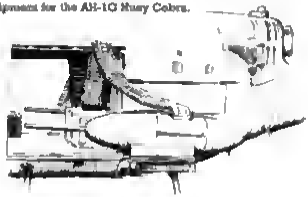
M16 Armament System
Two remote-controlled M60D 7 62mm automatic guns and an XM-159 rocket pod were installed on both the left and right pylons.

XM-22 Anti-tank Missile System
The AGM-22B Anti tank missile was wire-guided. It had a range of 3,000 m.

XM-26 Package Anti-tank Missile System
The newest TOW anti tank missile three-round pods were installed on the left and right of the aircraft. The TOW anti-tank missile was standard equipment for the AH-1G Huey Cobra.



XM-18 7 62 mm Minigun pod



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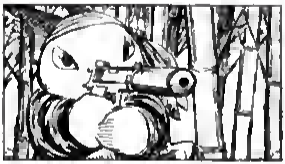
Afterword

This is the first time ever that one of my series has lasted three volumes I tend to get bored easily, and serialization usually lasts only one year for me Some of you may say "how extravagant," but it is exhausting rather than boring (I also had the web based "Cat Shit One" serialized in GAMESPOT, and I'm planning to restart it I wonder if I can actually do it)

As I mentioned in this volume and also in volume 2, I've heard rumors about the SDF's involvement in the Vietnam War

A certain individual, who is in this book, actually contacted me and told me all about it From 1966 to 1968, groups of soldiers made four tours to Vietnam for six months at a time A total of fifty to sixty people were sent there The greatest number were sent from the Winter Team Training Corps, followed by the Fuji School, the First Airborne Brigade of the Ground SDF, the Maritime SDF, and finally the Air SDF I thought the First Airborne Brigade sent off the greatest number of people, but since the Fuji School is a joint operation of all the divisions, it turned out more people were from there The Winter Team Training Corps is well known for the biathlon, a Winter Olympic event, but in reality it is a special operations group.

The introduction of the Winter Team Training Corps website mentions that it was originally established as a reconnaissance and observation team of the SOG (But that's not much of a cover name at all.) During the Cold War, Hokkaido was under a tremendous threat from the Soviet Military



Most likely, younger readers might wonder why, but before the collapse of the Soviet Union, things were like that. Actually, some tracks from the Soviet's underwater reconnaissance vehicles were found on the ocean floor off the coasts of Niigata and Hokkaido. The threat of Soviet troops and fleets in the Far East was real. Those who were involved in Japan's defense were fearful of nuclear war despite the nation's rapid economic growth.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, I'm sure both the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union were relieved to find out that they had been mutually paranoid. The Soviets were fearful of a surprise attack by NATO. It seems to me that too much paranoia will result in some form of conflict. Even without the threat of the Cold War, the tension in the world does not seem to have diminished. It is quite a problem, isn't it?

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